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WHITEAWAY'S

Soviet Hint To Bulgaria

Nazi Occupation Resented

MOSCOW, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio announced tonight that the Soviet Foreign Office had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow today that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards an extension of the war to the Balkans and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government.

Sofia Rumours

SOPIA, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Events are taking place in Sofia today. Rumours have been circulating in the capital to the effect that 20 German divisions have already entered Bulgaria, of which 15 are heading for the Turkish frontier. These rumours are evidently part of the Nazi war of nerves against the Turks.

Military experts have pointed out that the movement of such a large body of troops is physically impossible since the three Bulgarian roads available to the Germans could not have carried such a large volume of traffic in the time that has elapsed.

It is further pointed out that it is impossible to dispose of 15 German divisions on the Turkish frontier, where the Bulgarian Army is already concentrated.

No Pressure Yet

While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles here state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens, which they presume will begin when the Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier. As yet, only a very small number of German troops have arrived in Sofia.

Bulgaria's Independence Day was celebrated today by a large holiday crowd, idly strolling through the streets, gazing at German staff automobiles and other transport.

New military telephone lines were installed today in a building which was taken over by fifth columnists a few weeks ago.

Freezing Holidays In U.S.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The State Department has advised the Treasury to "freeze" Bulgarian funds in the United States as the TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Nazi Cruiser Attacked

British Bombers In Action At Brest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced today that the British on Sunday night again bombed a cruiser of the Hipper class at Brest, straddling with bombs, the docks at which it was berthed.

During Sunday, British planes attacked a convoy in the North Sea torpedoing a 2,000 ton vessel and ships. Bombers also attacked a sea plane base and shipping off the Dutch Islands. Two bombers are missing.

Japanese Manoeuvres In The Bias Bay Area

Japanese military manoeuvres in Bias Bay have been gaining added momentum recently, and according to one very reliable source, the Japanese are now constructing a landing base at Kauchungmei, where already a pier has been built and a wireless station installed.

The transfer of crack Japanese troops from southern Formosa to the Bias Bay area has been in progress for some time past and is continuing. Twelve divisions of Japanese troops are reported to have been sent to Formosa from China fronts recently.

The forces now being landed in the Tamsui area are said to be well equipped. Heavy field artillery has also been landed.

Shumohua has been cleared of Japanese military, and pro-Japanese Chinese police are now in control at the border city.

It is reported that the Japanese are hastening the construction of a road from Bias Bay to Nantau, while another main highway is being completed from Tamsui towards Wai-chow.

TURKEY TO WAIT BEHIND HER DEFENCES FOR NAZIS TO MOVE

British Bases May Be Set Up

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that three new classes have been called to the colours in Turkey, but that three others have been demobilised.

An unconfirmed report says that British bombers have been sent to Varna and Rustchuk.

It is denied that the Dardanelles have been mined and closed, although Turkish pilots are required on all vessels passing through.

Semi-official quarters consider that Bulgaria is now only a German "province" and that the Turko-Bulgarian pact does not apply to a German attack on Greece. As soon as the positions are consolidated Turkish troops will remain on the defensive behind their frontiers, since military experts are convinced that that is the only chance for a successful campaign.

THAI WISH Utmost Efforts To Keep out of War

BANGKOK, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Thailand will do her utmost to avoid being drawn into the vortex of power politics in the Far East and is determined jealously to guard her neutrality.

This statement was made by the Thai Cabinet Minister, Mr. Nai Vilat, in an interview with "Reuter". Commenting on reports that the Vichy Government had accepted Japan's proposals for a settlement of Thailand's territorial dispute with French Indo-China, Mr. Nai Vilat said that officials in Bangkok were still without confirmation from the Thai delegation in Tokyo.

If true, Vichy's acceptance ends a 75-years-old grievance of Siam against France and Mr. Nai Vilat observed: "We hail the news with delight and as a landmark in our history."

Soviet Relations

BANGKOK, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A preliminary agreement between Thailand and Soviet Russia for the resumption of diplomatic and trade relations is understood to have been reached in Moscow.

U. S. Exports To Britain

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A "blanket" authority has been issued for export to Britain and Northern Ireland of 138 key war products, including aluminium and aircraft parts.

Informed quarters believe that Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill arranged to set up British air and land bases, and for British warships to pass through the Dardanelles if the Germans attack Greece.

Salonica Raid Alarm
SALONIKA, Mar. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm was sounded at 11 a.m. on Sunday and the all clear at 11:22 a.m. No foreign planes appeared.

Turkish Vigilance
ISTANBUL, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis Pact remains the chief topic in the newspapers here. "Vatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans" and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

"Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the Pact was secured by Germany long ago and that only the date of enslavement remained open. Other papers declare that an explanation is necessary as to why the Bulgarians took this latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian Non-Aggression Agreement.

"Ulus" says: "The Turco-Bulgarian Agreement re-affirmed Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on the acts which the obligations contained in the Tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis Alliance are applied."

"The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and the Near East. Let us hope that Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the Tripartite Pact in favour of peace and that she will succeed."

Resignation Accepted
LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Formal acceptance of the resignation of the Bulgarian Minister in London, M. Montchiloff, was received in London from Sofia today.

M. Montchiloff telegraphed his resignation to the Bulgarian Government yesterday. It is learned that he disapproved of the government's policy in joining the Axis.

Ferdinand Speaks
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The 80-year-old ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is living in exile at Coburg, declares that the German-Bulgarian Agreement is justification of his 1914 policy, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet."

Yugo-Slavia Next Victim?

Belgrade Reports
BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Senior Regent, Prince Paul, this morning received Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, at the former's estate at Broo, in Slovenia, near the point at which the Yugo-Slav, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet.

This is learned in usually reliable quarters and it has been confirmed that Prince Paul left Belgrade by a special train travelling northwards last night.

Official Denial
BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav press and authorities tonight officially denied the report that Prince Paul met Herr von Ribbentrop this morning.

C.N.A.C. Plane Found

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (UP).—The C.N.A.C., today revealed that the Douglas DC-2 plane which was lost on February 12 while enroute to Chungking from Hongkong on a special chartered trip, was found yesterday at Taoshien in the southwestern corner of Hunan.

The plane crashed into a mountain and was entirely destroyed. It is feared that all four of the occupants were killed.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast this afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on one town in Kent. One person was killed and a few people were injured.

One British fighter is missing. The enemy were to-day over a South Wales town and over East Anglia.

London had an alert to-night.

ALBANIA

Italians Fail To Make Headway

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday they repelled two heavy Italian attacks, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack at sunset failed despite strong artillery preparation and the Greeks, firing from 5,000 feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate plus great losses.

Berat Raided

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. heavily attacked the Albanian aerodrome of Berat on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued here today.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started extensive fires visible over 50 miles away.

British Advancing in Italian Somaliland: Rome Admissions

Special to the "Telegraph"

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that British troops have occupied Duca, Degli and Abuzzi without opposition. The villages comprise an important agricultural centre 80 miles along the railway running north from Mogadiscio.

Italian Admission

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—Today's communiqué states that British troops overpowered and took the small garrison at Kufra which had been besieged during the past months and which is situated in Libya over 500 miles from the coast. Part of the troops succeeded in reaching the Italian lines, while British armoured cars, attempting to approach Jarabub, were put to flight.

Keren Proves Tough

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Hidden and seek artillery duels, in which Italian gunners have shifted gun positions during darkness and concealed them in the scrub and rocky crevices, etc., and the sudden appearance of Imperial forces in places which the Italians had deemed inaccessible, have been features of the British siege of Keren, a railway town, which is proving one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

Keren, 75 miles from Asmara, the Eritrean capital, is situated near peaks commanded by Italian artillery and anti-aircraft guns, with British artillery situated on other peaks some miles off.

Despite the fact that the batteries are invisible to each other, the accuracy of the British "shooting" is remarkable.

Savoy Grenadiers

Italy's best forces, including the Savoy Grenadiers, reinforced by extensive artillery, have been engaged in an area which might have been planned by nature as a perfect fortress.

Recently, a party of Highlanders and Sudanese troops were ambushed

LATEST

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Further Late News

The Capture of Bardia

Australian troops charge in with fixed bayonets to occupy Bardia just after the Italians capitulated on January 5. They are ready to deal with any Fascist bands which might be resisting. This dramatic picture has just been received in Hongkong.



Italian Air Force Run Out Of Sky In Africa

(By "Reuter" on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier.)

Mar. 3.—British bombers, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

Enemy Aircraft Losses

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February compared with the British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone, 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 250 destroyed on the ground or captured.

During the same month, the total of German planes lost over Britain since the war began was brought to 3,123 by destruction—a further 30 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night, eight by A.A. fire.

British losses were five planes, making a war total of 853.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory in February were 40 against 11 Germans.

Up to February 28, British losses under this heading totalled 445.

For weeks past, our airmen have been running the Italian air force right out of the sky so that to-day British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Domination airmen especially settle down quickly to the local conditions. I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron, which already has nearly 80 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels—Sudanese mud huts—around the aerodrome. They declare that their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable.

The Rhodesian squadron is stationed in a forward position in Eritrea. Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator far from civilization. The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of advancing British troops has been very heartening to these men, plodding through inhospitable and unfamiliar country.

Tumultuous Reception of Eden & Dill In Athens

ATHENS, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Eden's talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight. They will probably be resumed this afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

The visit of Mr. Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from the waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon. The band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr. Eden this morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Later Mr. Eden and General Dill were guests of the Greek Prime Minister, Mr. Alexander Korizis, at luncheon.

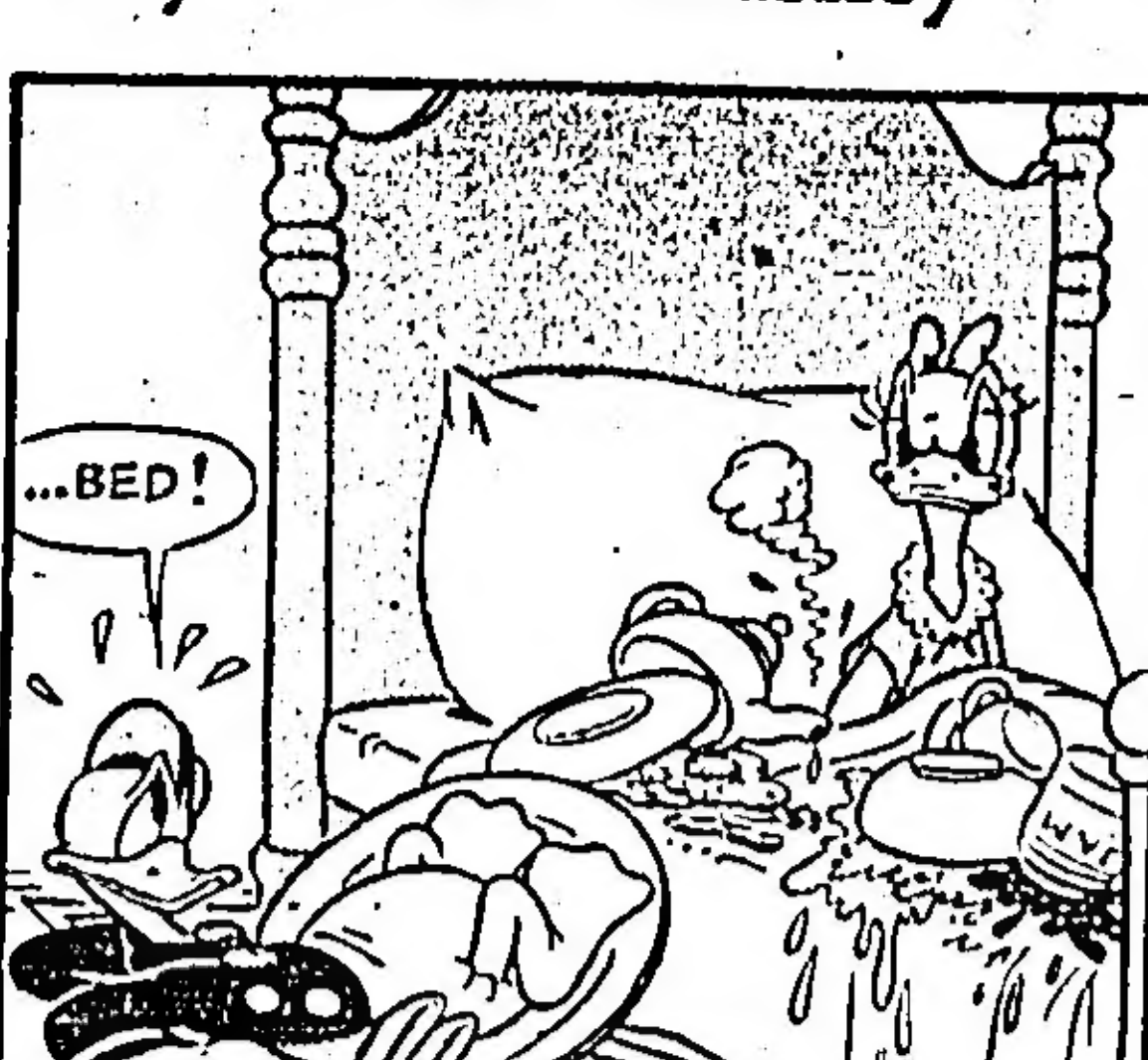
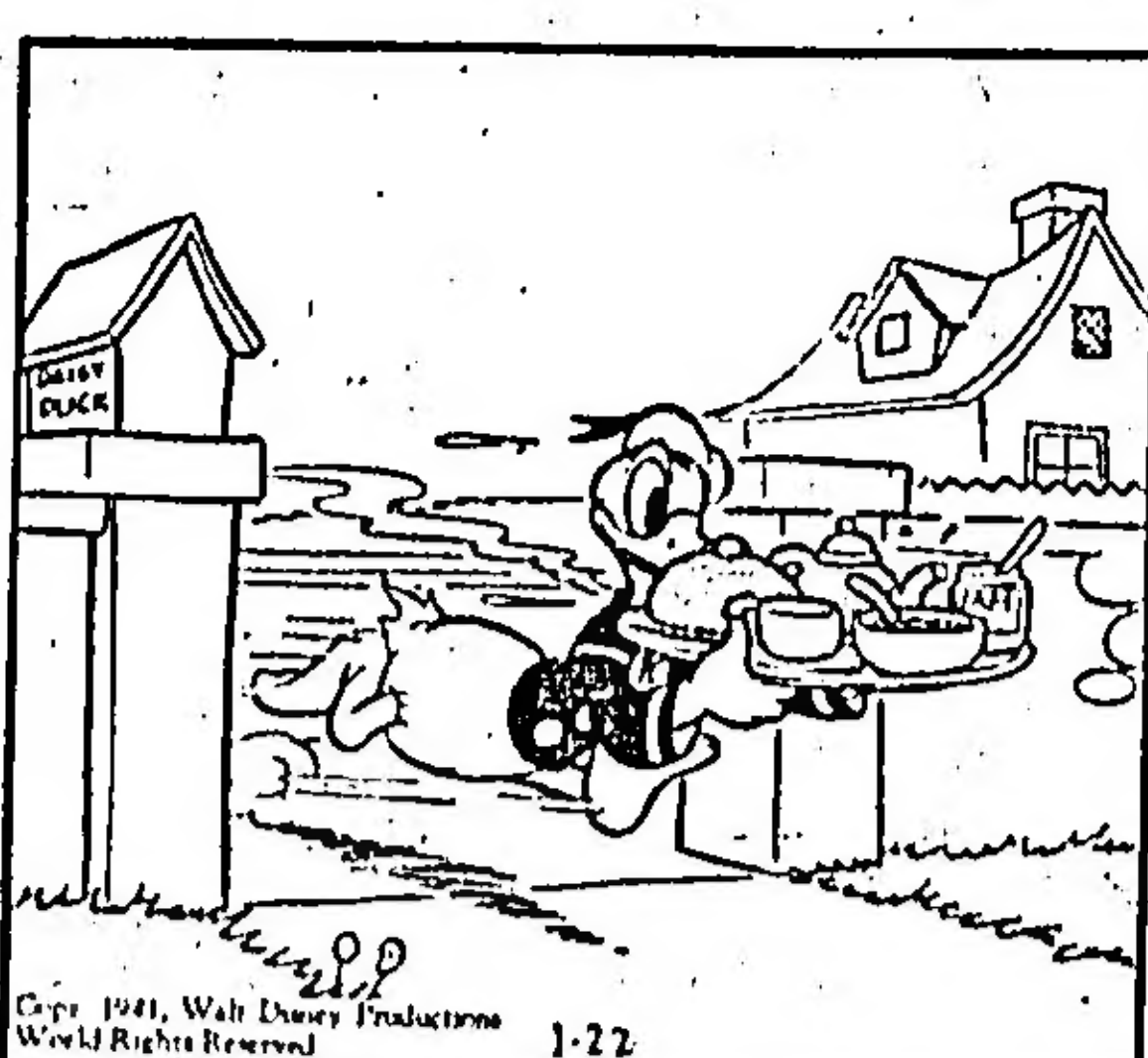
Normally spent in making trips to the country, but on this occasion the Athenian crowds spent the morning promading the streets, waiting to welcome Mr. Eden.

German Intention
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that Germany hopes to score a "moral" and political triumph by mediating peace between Greece and Italy.

"The terms suggested," says the correspondent, "include Greek retention of part of her Albanian conquests against cession to Germany of certain bases in Greek territory, returnable at the conclusion of the war."

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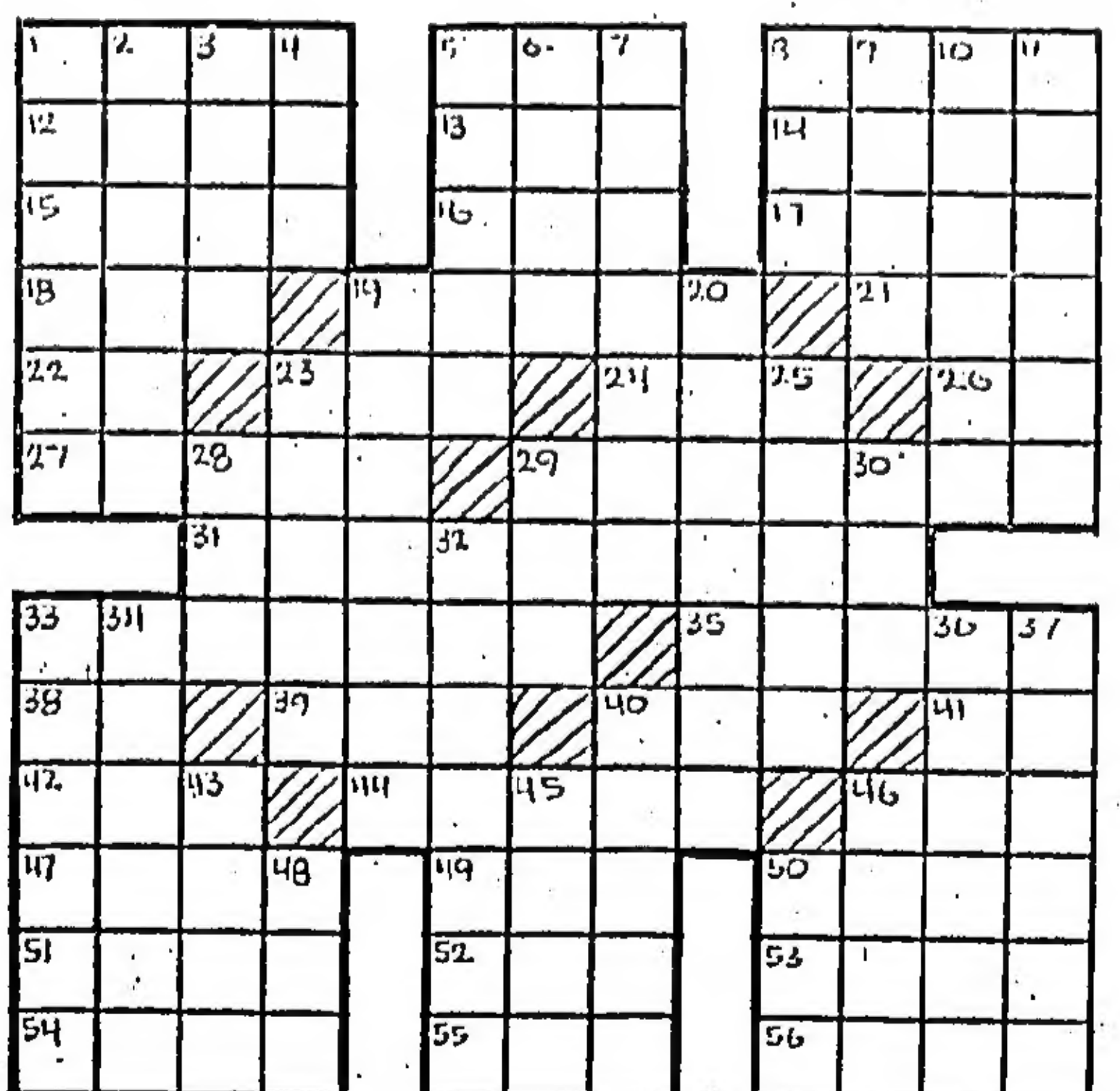
ACROSS

- Table land
- Head garment
- Curled fabrics
- Book
- Anglo-Naxon money
- City in France
- Castle sea god
- Have dinner
- Writing fluid
- Reveries in money
- Tell falsehood
- Outfit, afflicted by
- Measure of weight
- That thing a
- Blackish oil
- One with leprosy
- Golden harmony
- Contradictory
- English title
- Higher
- Openwork fabric
- Short poem
- Leaf
- Kind
- Abundant
- Form of matter
- Perianth part
- Stitching rock
- Transported
- Wheel hub

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

DOWN

- Servant
- Make evident
- Alone
- Beverage
- Punctuation mark
- Metric measure
- In part
- Color
- Man's name
- Build arms of
- Blackish
- Crown
- Low-lying (scenery)
- Form of hunt
- Cloth for wound
- Standard score
- Make lace
- Reveries in money
- Heavily bearded
- Conductor's stick
- Living thing
- Unit by
- List of names
- Greek letter
- Coast street
- Tireal lace
- High wind
- Radical change
- Reputation (slang)



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The Troops in the Desert: Their Daily Life

By JOHN YINDRICH
United Press Staff Correspondent

Flies, boredom, and heat are the biggest enemies of British troops in Egypt.

Newly-drafted troops quickly get acclimatized to the peculiar local conditions whilst undergoing training for highly mobile desert warfare, in which patrols roam the desert waste in armoured cars and infantry ride in trucks seeking Italians with whom to do battle.

An average trooper, who often sleeps in the open air, is generally awakened soon after 6 a.m. by the flies which swarm around as soon as the sun warms the night-cooled desert. After washing in a canvas bucket with water which is specially brought in water

carts, the trooper dons khaki shirts, shorts and gym shoes, which are necessary for the desert, where the temperature is often over 100 Fahrenheit.

Al Fresco Breakfast

Breakfast in the open air at eight consists of tinned fish, tea, bread, marmalade, and perhaps butter, plus any luxury which friends may have sent. This is the menu for troops in advanced position; if they are farther back they get eggs and bacon. Sometimes it is possible to buy eggs hundreds of miles from anywhere from some wandering Bedouin who pops up out of the ground with the skirt of his grubby, night-gown-like costume filled with tiny eggs of mysterious origin.

Out in the blue the units are small and highly mechanised, for which reason troopers are liable to be called on to do any job. The morning is often spent overhauling tanks, armoured cars and trucks, if

Keeping dapper in the desert—a very impromptu barber's shop for British troops.

no operation is planned, or digging slit trenches to dive into when the whistle shrills that means the approach of enemy planes.

As the morning wears, as the sun beats down hotter and hotter until lunch-time, when one eats bully beef, bread, tea, and special desert amid hordes of flies.

The appearance of flies anywhere in the desert within five minutes of the presence of a human being is one of the major mysteries of Egypt.

BBC News

In the afternoon, the trooper plays cards, usually Pontoon, until tea, which consists of bread and jam, and perhaps, butter. After tea, he listens in to the BBC news, writes a letter home, or, for the fifteenth time, rereads the last one he got.

Supper consists of bread, tinned meat or fish and tinned fruit, and is eaten under canvas by the light of spluttering paraffin lamps, although some units have electric light.

The BBC is the main source of evening entertainment, but lucky units have a dart-board. Yarns are swapped and experiences exchanged until they are so old they are bewhiskered. Sometimes someone drops in after a sixty-mile trek across the desert after a breakdown, and tells what it feels like to be lost in the desert.

Unlucky Brigadier

Everyone is in bed early, but sometimes the whistle sounds through the pitch black night, and everyone rushes barefooted across the stony desert to the nearest trench. At one place, which shall be nameless, half a unit jumped into a trench on top of a Brigadier whom they failed to see in the dark.

When an operation is under way the scene changes. Tanks and armoured cars rattle off into the darkness. Infantry silently climbs into trucks and, with the mobile artillery, follow to the destination somewhere behind or near the Italian positions. The mobile column arrives at the selected spot just before dawn, and lies doggo until nightfall while the mobile observation post keeps watch for Italian movements and Italian planes.

After nightfall the guns open up and the tanks and armoured cars rush in with machine-guns blazing, followed by the infantry who capture as many prisoners and documents as possible, spike the guns, blow up ammunition dumps, cut telephone lines, shoot all who show resistance, destroy trucks or drive them away.

This is just a snapshot of the life of those who have recently scored such outstanding successes in desert battle.

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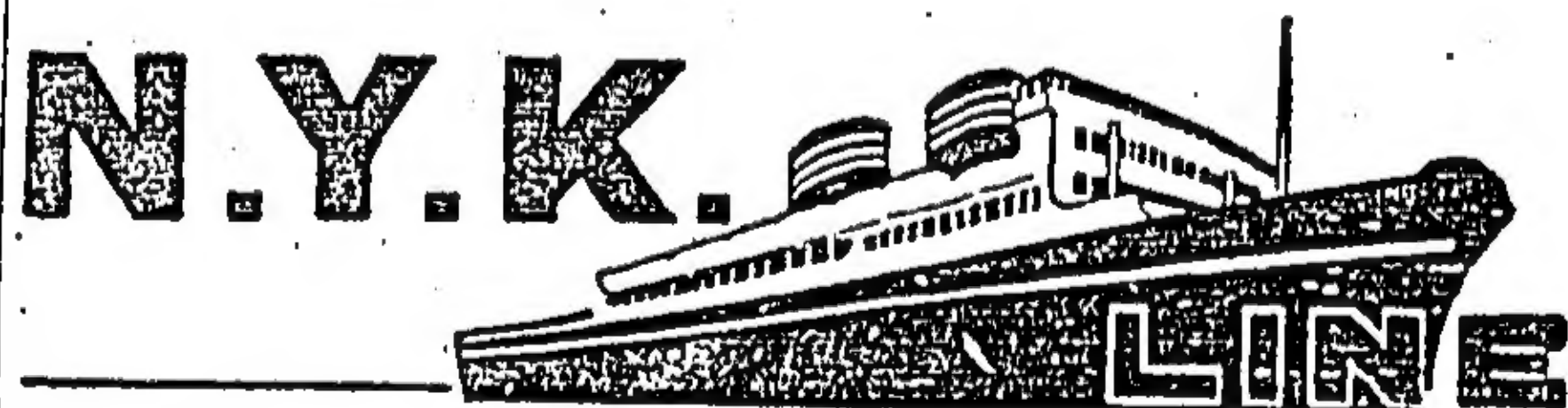
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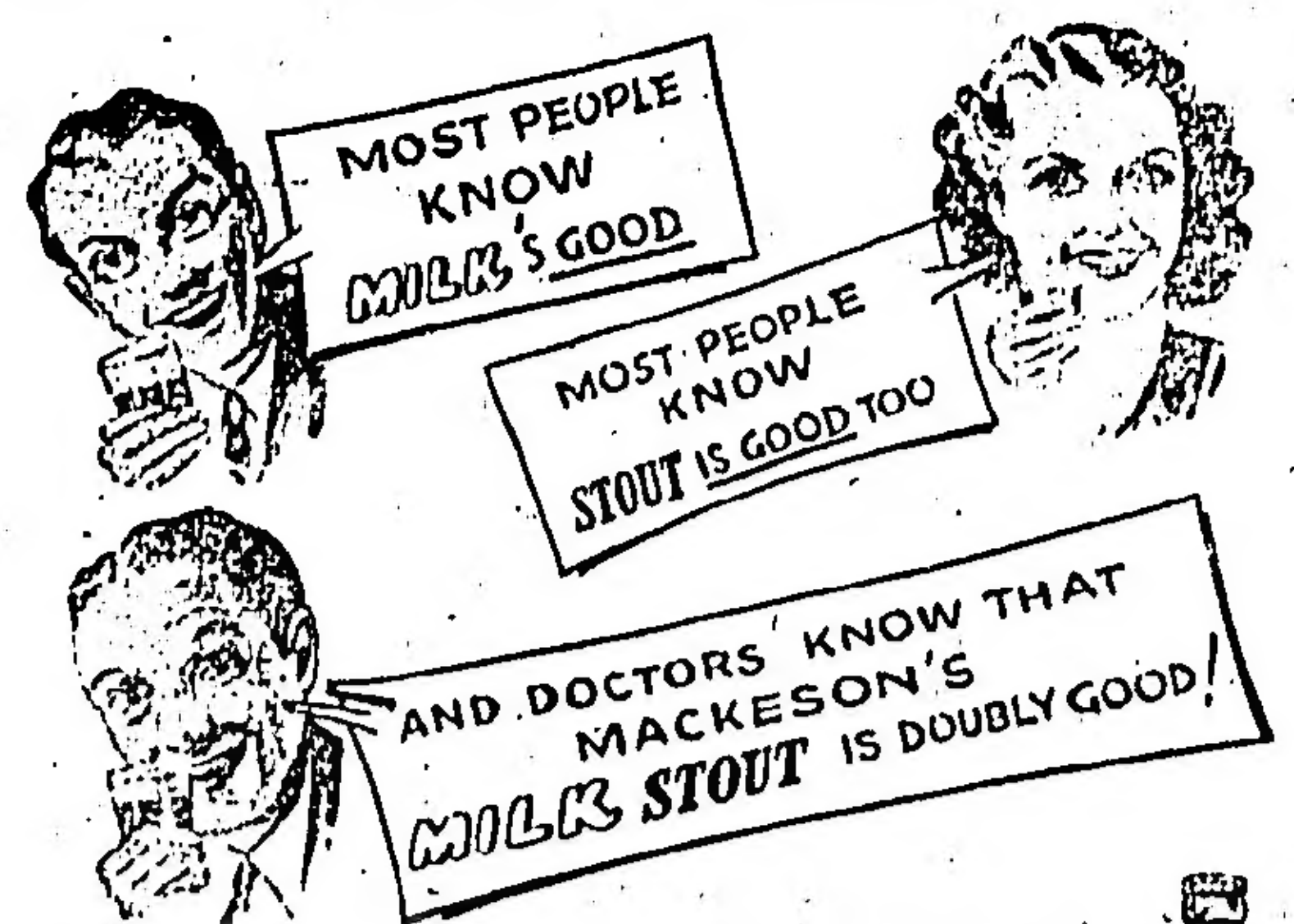
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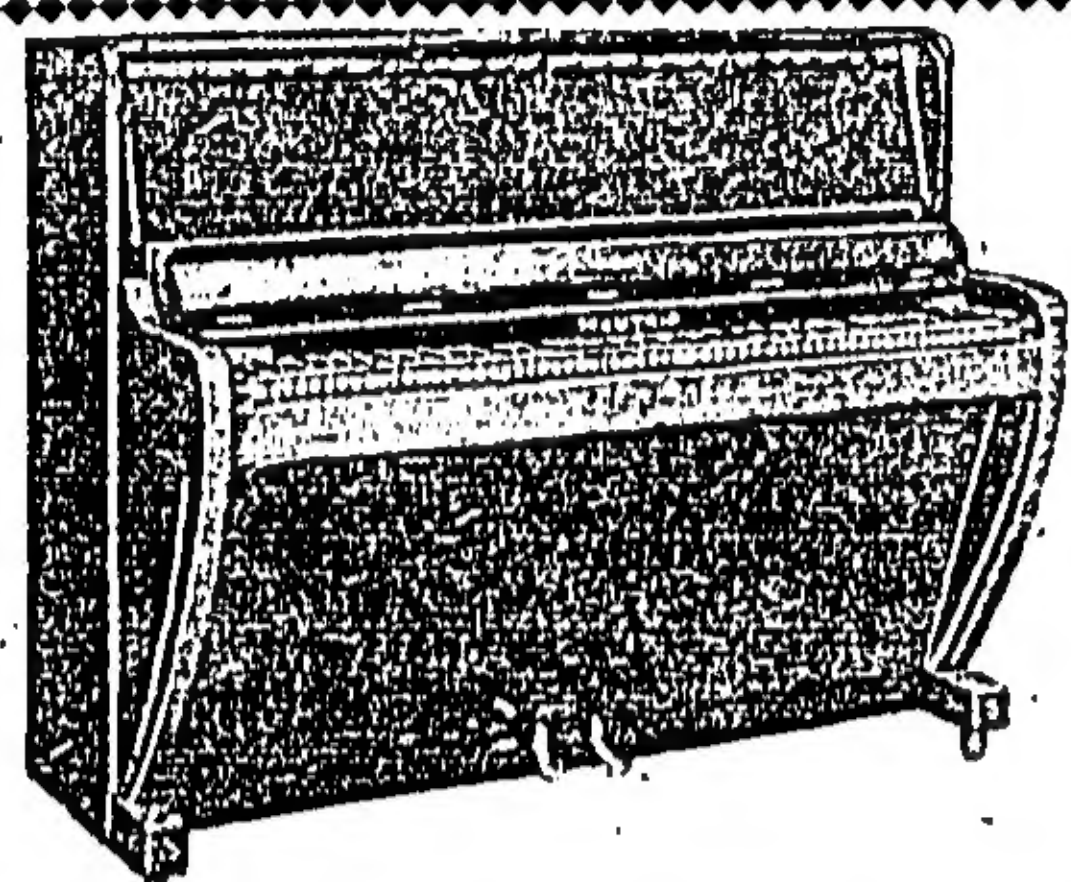
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REPRISAL RAIDS

THE daily reports of the
German High Command are
always cunningly worded; they
are, in fact, an important part of
Nazi propaganda. This is well
illustrated in their manner of
recording large-scale air raids on
Britain.

For example, the Nazis an-
nounce that a recent night
attack on Cardiff was in re-
taliation for a British raid on
Bremen. The implication is
that if Bremen had not been
attacked, Cardiff would not have
been visited by the German
bombers. By this stratagem it
is hoped to arouse defeatism
or peace-mindedness in the
stricken British towns. Goebbels
imagines that their inhabitants
will exclaim, "If the R.A.F.
had only stopped at home, this
would not have happened."

Actually, nowhere is the
desire to see Germany paid back
in her own coin stronger than
it is in the cities that have
suffered most from Nazi fright-
fulness. These cities know that
even if the R.A.F. never crossed
the frontiers of the Reich, the
enemy bombers would still do
their best to wreak blind des-
truction on British towns.

This is the weapon with
which Hitler hoped to crush
British morale. He must see
by now that, like his other
calculations concerning Britain,
it is quite mistaken; but the
ruthless use of the Luftwaffe
will probably continue until the
problem of the night bomber
has been solved. When Hitler
adopts the pose that his so-called
reprisal raids are a distasteful
and unavoidable necessity he
deceives no one, not even him-
self, for no barbarity or in-
humanity is distasteful to the
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Free French In Tahiti

Free French headquarters in
Sydney have announced plans to
form a well-equipped military force
of 3,000 Free Frenchmen in New
Caledonia and Tahiti to carry on the
war against Germany and Italy.

SECOND ARTICLE IN THE "TELEGRAPH'S" IMPORTANT NEW SERIES

RIDDLES OF 1941

Will Hitler Invade Britain?

By

Major E. W. Sheppard,

famous writer on Army affairs, and Military
Correspondent for the "Daily Herald," London

THE great military ques-
tion of the moment is
"Can Germany Invade Bri-
tain?" If I were asked for
an answer in one word, it
would be No.

Let me expand and qualify
that view.

It does not mean that Ger-
many cannot land troops in
Britain. That is possible, though
improbable.

And it does not necessarily
mean that she may not try to
land troops in the Old Country.
Perhaps she will be forced by
political circumstances to at-
tempt the project at which
Napoleon baulked.

It means that in my opinion,
expressed definitely and unhesi-
tatingly, Germany cannot con-
quer Britain by means of an
invasion.

Here are my reasons.

If Hitler had thought an in-
vasion could succeed, he would
have tried it months ago. If
ever he had a chance of bringing
it off at all, he had one last sum-
mer.

He missed that chance. He
will never get so good a one
again.

No Chance

Undoubtedly, he meant to in-
vade us last autumn. But when
the time came to launch the
attack, he found himself faced
with an impossible task—and he
abandoned it.

His fleet was too weak to
cover the passage of his invad-
ing army. His air force was
blown out of the sky by the
R.A.F. and could not cover his
army, either.

If he had persisted, the Ger-
man soldiers would have had to
attempt the invasion alone and
uncovered. And what a fear-
some task lies before any army
up against that!

It has to set forth upon tricky
waters notorious for the vagaries
of their winds and tides.

It has to face the hidden perils
of mine and submarine.

Risks They Run

It has to expose itself to the
attack of surface craft—against
which it could not defend itself.

And it has to lay itself open,
while embarking, crossing and
approaching the further shore,
to incessant bombing and
machine-gunning from the air.

Those perils are as great to-
day as they were last autumn.

Even if they were survived,
and Hitler's army reached our
shores—sea-sick and nerve-shat-
tered—it would have to land on
a coast long and carefully pre-
pared for defence, bristling with
obstacles, and manned by su-
perior forces.

These forces are fully trained,
resolute, and eager to fight.
They are armed with tanks,
machine-guns, field guns, and
heavy artillery.

Against these, the invaders
could put only such light arma-
ment as their frail craft could
carry.

No, the invader would have
practically no chance of even
getting ashore. Such a "Battle
for Britain" would begin and end
with a bloody massacre on our
beaches.

Even if the hundredth chance
came off, and the Germans se-

cured a footing somewhere on
our coast, it would be of small
use to them.

What It Means

To get ashore the mass of
armament, munitions, transport
and other material required for
the conquest of Britain, they
would have to seize at least one
well-equipped port, with its
docks and quays and cranes in-
tact.

War material cannot just be
thrown into the water out of
ships' holds—assuming you have
the ships and can get them close
to the shore—and they cannot
be landed by boats on an open
beach. Big port equipment is
required.

But our ports are well de-
fended, and even if one fell into
enemy hands we should certainly
leave it in no fit state for use.

Without such a port, the in-
vaders must either starve or
waste away, or be left helpless
to face our powerful counter-
offensive.

The attempt must end in
ghastly failure.

It was as well for Hitler that
he did not try it last summer.
Or if as some stories go, he did
try it, then he was fortunate
that it was stifled at birth.

Just Suppose

Supposing he tries it now, or
next month, or in the early
summer of 1941? His air force
may have more and better
machines than it had last
autumn—but so has the R.A.F.
And the R.A.F. to-day and
to-morrow, as yesterday, would
go into battle with all the moral
factors of superiority on its side.

The Luftwaffe's prospects of
sweeping the skies to clear a
way across the Channel for its
army are highly unpromising, to
put it mildly.

The German fleet? It, too,
may be increased, but still not
by so much or at such a speed
as ours.

It has never yet been equal to
keeping the sea against the Bri-

country, but in either he will be
at a disadvantage against the
stubborn defence that has been
prepared for him, and which he
must overcome quickly or be
overwhelmed.

So I think that an invader's
destruction cannot be long de-
layed, and is, in any case, in-
evitable sooner or later.

And as Hitler must know
this as well as I do, I do not
believe he will order the attack,
except as a gambler's last
plunge.

But, you may say, perhaps he
will spring some new methods
of attack on us. What about
the possibility of invasion from
the air?

It is possible that he might
manage to land small forces at
various points by parachute or
other means, and hope to rein-
force them later by larger
parties in troop-carrying aero-
planes.

Swift Warning

But we should get swift
warning of their arrival. They
would be quickly ringed round
by our forces, and our counter-
attacks would be launched at
once.

The enemy would be heavily
outnumbered, and outclassed in
weapons. He would still be
unable to bring large supplies
of arms and munitions with
him.

He would still be fighting in
country unfavourable to the
rapid and far-reaching advance
he requires.

He would, in fact, be up
against the same difficulties as
those which would have con-
fronted him had he come by
sea. And in the long run his
fate would be the same, too.

The possibility of a German
landing in Eire may occur to
some. I have never been able
to see the advantage of this step
as a move towards the eventual
invasion of Britain. It is a step
in the wrong direction.

It still leaves the main job to
be done. Its only purpose,
therefore, would be as a diver-
sion—if German forces from
Eire could later attack Western
Britain simultaneously, with
others from the east or south.

Wrong Way

Even then, our reserves
would be more powerful and
mobile than anything the enemy
could get ashore. We could
therefore deal first with one, and
then with the rest of these
divided hostile forces, long be-
fore they could lend one another
any real help.

If Eire is ever invaded by the
Germans, it will probably be
with the idea of blocking our
sea routes across the Atlantic.
As a preliminary to invasion of
Britain, it would be a waste of
time and strength in the wrong
direction.

I believe, then, that, unless we
relax our vigilance—and we
shall not—the chances of a
successful invasion of the coun-
try on orthodox lines are all but
non-existent.

Surprises?

There may be surprise
methods—and surprise replies
on our side. Of these, obvious-
ly, nothing useful can be said.

Outside of them, only purely
political reasons could persuade
any sensible military leader in
Germany to make the attempt.

If political reasons force Hit-
ler to try invasion, all the better
for us and all the worse for him.

History is full of dire lessons
on what happens when politics
are allowed to control military
moves.

TO-MORROW:

Freda Utley

authority on Far

Eastern affairs,

renders an up-to-date

analysis of the

question—

What Will Happen

in the Far East?



THESE MEN are ready to carry out the Premier's words,
"We shall fight on the beaches." They are taking up
position during defensive training somewhere on the
coast.

Canada To Deport Japanese Who Cannot Prove Legal Entry

Canada's recent decision to register all Japanese residents in the Dominion is expected to go far toward solving controversies over the status of the Japanese in Canada, 92 per cent. of whom reside in British Columbia, says a message from Vancouver.

While Japanese were required to participate in the general registration some months ago, they were not called upon to state whether or not they entered Canada legally. The new registration will determine this point, giving to bona-fide Japanese residents the protection to which they are entitled by law. Those unable to prove legal entry are to be deported.

Kenji Nakachi, Japanese Consul in Vancouver, welcomed the new registration. He said it was just what he expected from the Canadian authorities. Other Japanese voiced criticism of the Ottawa order exempting all Japanese from serving in Canada's fighting forces.

The new registration order has revived once again one of British Columbia's most important racial, political, and economic controversies caused by the presence of some 23,000 Japanese in the Province, many of them engaged in primary industries or in highly competitive trades.

Right To Vote Denied
At its last session a few weeks ago the British Columbia Legislature reaffirmed its attitude against allowing Japanese to vote in the provincial election. Japanese have repeatedly sought the right to vote and a few years ago sent a deputation to the House of Commons at Ottawa to argue the case.

The Federal authorities recognized that it was primarily an issue for British Columbia to settle, and British Columbia promptly went on record against giving the franchise not only to Japanese but to all Orientals.

"Gentleman's Agreement"

While no Japanese are now entering Canada, the official attitude toward the Japanese has been to avoid scrupulously any acts which constitute a breach with the Tokyo Government, especially in matters affecting immigration.

While Canada arbitrarily refused entry of other Asiatics in recent years, Japanese have been restricted only by a "gentleman's agreement," obviously discriminatory against China in favour of Japan, but dictated by a desire not to offend the Japanese, not so much because of Canada's interest but because of the delicate condition of Anglo-Japanese affairs in the Far East.

Japan has complained, through its Consuls, of unfair treatment politically and economically. Charges in British Columbia have centred about Japanese refusal to co-operate. It is charged that Japanese influence in commerce has frequently led to domination with the result that living standards have deteriorated.

Coolies Built Railways

There are almost as many Chinese in British Columbia as Japanese, but they have constituted less of a problem. They came to Canada from California in search of gold and they came as coolie labour to help in building the Canadian Pacific Railway's coast division. The Japanese first came in 1880 and settled chiefly in the salmon fishing area off the mouth of the Fraser River. Many of them have sent their earnings home.

In the days before the Canadian Government yielded to the pleas of returned soldiers following the World War and restricted the number of Japanese held nearly 50 per cent. of all the commercial fishing licenses.

Some of the Japanese moved inland from the Fraser River, followed the fertile valley and built farms, competing with other settlers. They gained control over the small fruit and berry production and they still hold it in some areas. They did not remain in the rural communities; many of them moved into the towns and entered commercial pursuits.

Vancouver Activities

In Vancouver, Japanese operate more than 100 grocery stores, 20 apartment houses, 45 barber shops, 150 automobile garages, 27 dress-making shops, 24 fish stores, 114 lodging houses, 35 restaurants, and 23 wholesale houses of various kinds. They have also entered many of the professions.

Those in favour of limiting Japanese influence in the Province point to the fact that the Japanese birth rate is far higher than any other racial group in British Columbia. In the five years between 1931 and 1936 the Japanese population increased 16

Chiang Says Seizure Of South Sea Lands Will Menace China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 2 (Central News).—"Japan's invasion of the South Seas will be the greatest menace to China's national existence and security," declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a speech at the first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council yesterday.

"Not only is the South Seas," Generalissimo Chiang emphasised, "a second fatherland for more than 10,000,000 overseas Chinese who dwell and earn their living there, but upon that area hinges China's very existence and security."

Generalissimo Chiang said that in view of her miserable failure in China Japan is trying to make use of the European war to fulfil her dream of conquest, and she has recently been making several moves for a southward expansion.

However, he called upon the nation to realise the fact that Japan's southward advance was only a means to the conquest of China, Japan's real end, and therefore these two phases of Japan's aggression were closely related. His prediction was that before Japan set out on her southward expansion, she would launch another large scale offensive in China.

New Resources
Condemning Japan's "new order in Greater East Asia," and the "sphere of common prosperity in Greater East Asia," the Generalissimo said that Japan's ambition was to seize the rich resources and wide territories of the South Seas in order to increase her brute force of aggression, tighten the blockade of China, weaken China's power of resistance and finally fulfil her dream of the conquest of China and the domination of the Pacific.

Generalissimo Chiang received loud applause when he solemnly declared that China should not only fight to the end to safeguard her independence and existence, but also curb with force Japan's great crimes against the world and the Orient.

The Generalissimo stated that the present marks not only a turning point in the world situation but also the last stage in the Sino-Japanese bitter struggle. Pressing for insistence on a final victory for China, General Chiang added that national defence must take precedence over everything else.

Invasion Ports Night Foray Of R.A.F. On Calais & Boulogne

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast to-night.

From the south coast of England, the raid was clearly visible, but a stiff wind in the Straits muffled the sound of the explosions. Above Calais and Boulogne, great flashes lighted up the sky and scores of searchlights were in action along 20 miles of the French coast.

per cent, even with immigration relatively light.

Japanese Schools Criticised
Another complaint is that many Japanese still compel their children to go to Japanese schools where only Japanese language is spoken and where the tradition of the Japanese Empire is inculcated.

A commission has been appointed to supervise the new registration. Its chairman is Mayor Fred Hume of New Westminster, representing a district in which the Japanese population is particularly heavy.

Other members of the Commission include Prof. H. P. Angus, who was a member of the Rowell-Sirois Commission studying Federal-Provincial relations, and who has been an outspoken advocate of enfranchising Japanese in Canada; Col. McGregor Macintosh, leader of the Anti-Japanese movement whose charges of illegal entry were a factor in having the commission appointed.

COL DONOVAN IN LONDON

Military Observer

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Colonel W. J. Donovan, the unofficial European observer for President Roosevelt, arrived in London from Lisbon to-day.

He was in London in August and again in December, and during the intervening periods has visited nearly a dozen capitals.

Colonel Donovan declined to say anything as to the object of his new visit to London or his recent visits to European capitals, but said that he did not expect to be here more than a week.

Ruman Envoy To Japan

Change Is Announced

BUCHAREST, Mar. 2 (Dome).—The Rumanian Government announced to-day the appointment of Major-General G. Bagulesco, former Military Attaché to the Rumanian Legation in Tokyo, as the new Rumanian Minister to Japan succeeding M. Georges Paraschivesco.

Major-General Bagulesco is now the chairman of the Rumania-Japan Society and the President of the Ex-Servicemen's Association.

Pro-British Agents

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Some 240 people in Rumania who are suspected of working for British interests, have been arrested and placed in a concentration camp near Targu-Jiu, states a Bucharest telegram to the official German agency.

Sixty of the arrests were made in Bucharest, and Greeks, Turks, Armenians and Rumanians are stated to be among those arrested.

Plebiscite

BUCHAREST, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The final result of the plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy will not be known till Thursday, but the voting so far shows almost complete unanimity for the policy, says the Rumanian news agency.

Up to this morning, 116,345 voted approval against 1,555 against. The voting has been without incident.

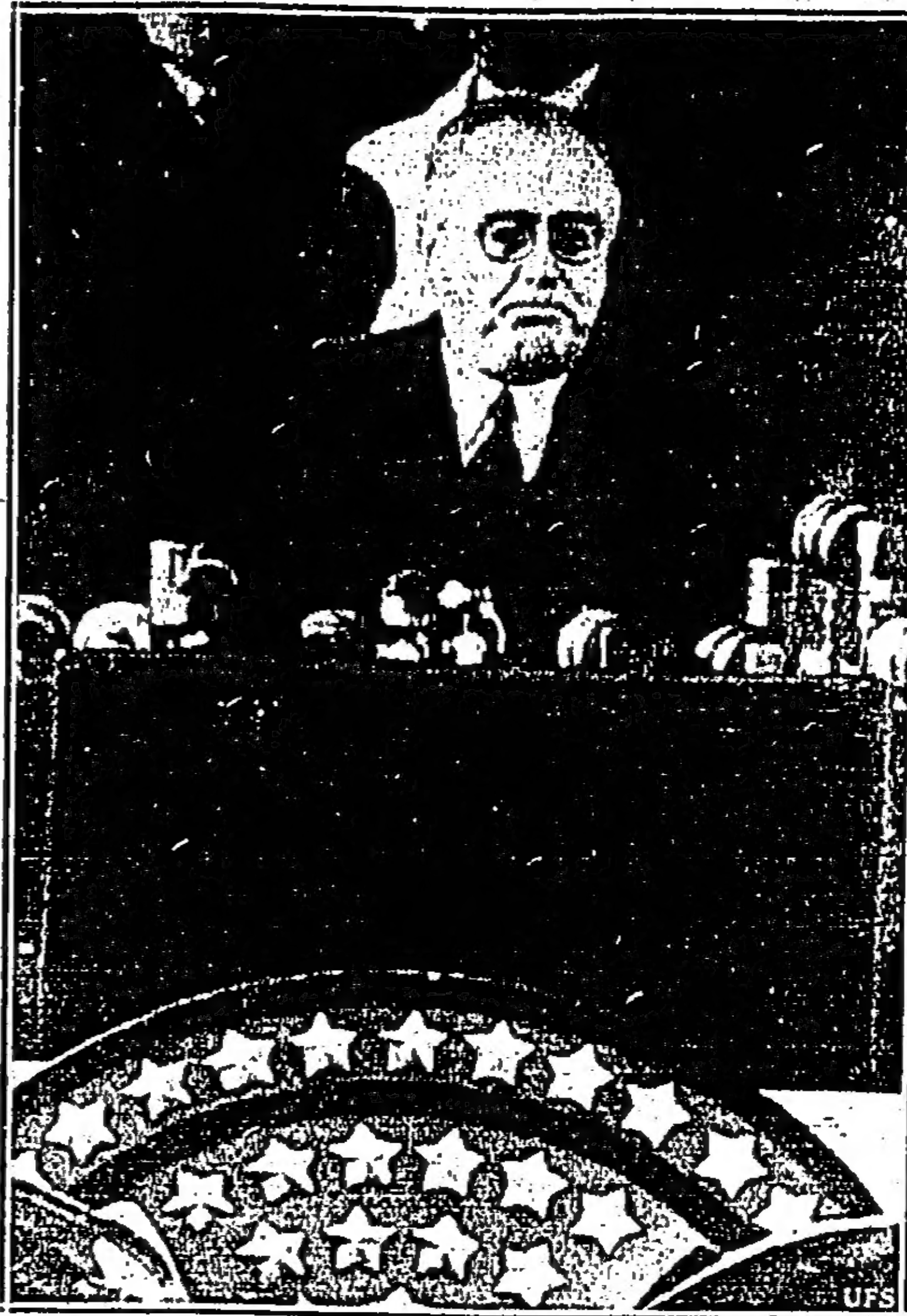
Gas-Masks for U.S. Non-Combatants

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).

Gas-masks for the use of non-combatants in areas under military jurisdiction have been ordered by the United States War Department.

Disclosing this fact to-day, the War Department stated that a "limited quantity" of gas-masks have been ordered.

Of low cost, the masks will be supplied by five manufacturers. No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas-masks is contemplated at present.



"NO RETREAT HERE" — Grim-faced, President Roosevelt delivers inaugural address, pledging to perpetuate democracy and asserting that "We do not retreat."

Rome Comment on War On African Empire

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said a war commentator on the Rome radio to-day.

The commentator added that the British are using a third of a million men in East Africa and they are armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars. In these conditions, the fight presents undoubted advantages to the British.

Beyond Mogadiscio

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—In a sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duca, Degli and Abuzzi.

No change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia is reported in to-day's official communiqué.

R.A.F. Activities

In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren while South African Air Force squadrons continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Burje in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as the result of bombing of military objectives.

Kenya Safer

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Black-out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-morrow. Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast.

Alfonso Laid To Rest

Funeral Yesterday

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—The late ex-King Alfonso was buried in the Church of Monserrato at 1 p.m. to-day between the Borgia Popes Calixtus III and Alexander VI.

The final mass for Alfonso was celebrated at 11 a.m. attended by the King and Queen of Italy and the Prince of Piedmont, all dressed in mourning.

Twenty-three of King Victor Emmanuel's Royal Guards in full dress uniform stood at attention around the casket.

Princes' Grief

The services at Monserrato were attended by a small intimate group of members of the family, Alfonso's friends, members of the Latin American diplomatic corps and a special Spanish delegation, as well as representatives of Italian Royalty and the Government.

Don Juan and Don Jaime with tear-stained eyes were present, but both Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice were overcome at the previous ceremony and did not attend the burial services at Monserrato where, it is understood, interment is only temporary pending completion of arrangements for final burial at the Escorial.

Jews Want To Fight

Australian Request

SYDNEY, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Non-British Jews are asking for the right to form a Jewish Army, according to a deputation to Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier of Australia, from the Executive Zionist State Council of New South Wales.

This army would act as a unit within the Empire for the defence of Palestine or service elsewhere.

The deputation mentioned that refugees in Australia had repeatedly offered their services.

Mr Fadden is forwarding the re-

Lee Ya-ching Joins New Flight

A group of women flyers of many nationalities are on their way to Miami, and thence a national tour enlisting privately-owned planes for humanitarian use in war areas. One of the pilots on the flight is Lee Ya-ching, China's ranking woman aviatix.

quest to Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, who is now in London.



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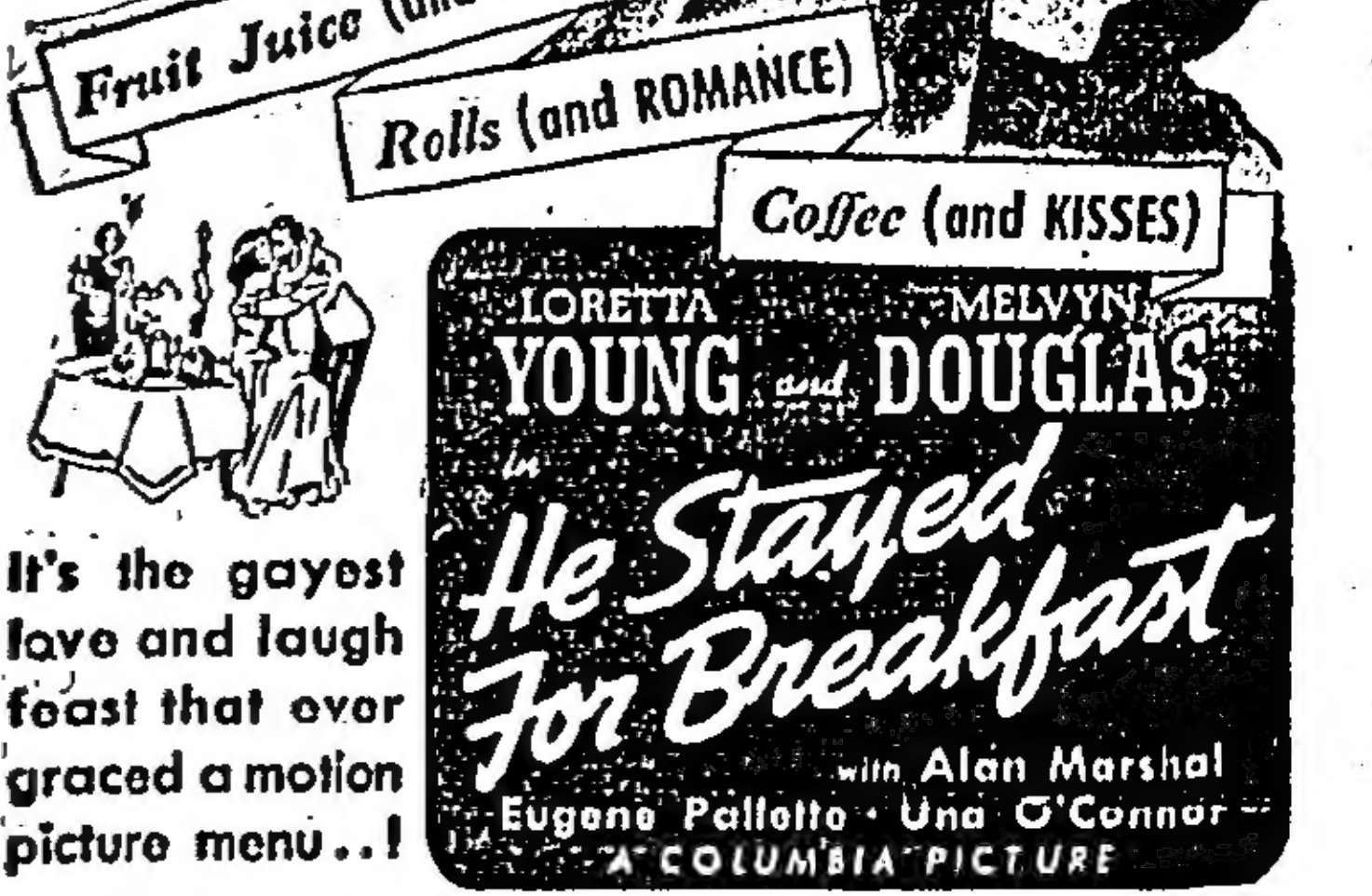
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

1940 Activities At Home

Following Friends Through Wisden's Pages

A Peculiar Omission

IT IS A MATTER of considerable satisfaction to me that I have always felt very sorry for the Israelites when they were forced by the Egyptians to make bricks without straw, now that I am in the position of having to write cricket notes without any cricket about which to write. However, it has occurred to me that many of my readers may be interested in an account of the publication of "The Cricketer" during 1940. To those who have got it I apologize and suggest that they turn the page. But there are a good many others who may be interested.

There is no overlapping between the "Cricketers' Bible"—Wisden, and "The Cricketer". The former is a serious annual which deals in much detail with the cricket of the past season, and is full of statistics of various cricket records.

Paraphrasing I have never been able to discover why T. A. Pearce has never been included therein under "Charterhouse, and Kent". He is also I believe a member of the M.C.C., and at any rate has played for them as I recall seeing him at Lords in 1937.

There are quite a lot of players who are included for their schools and M.C.C., or schools and Minor Counties, so the omission is even more strange.

The Cricketer on the other hand came out weekly and published also Spring and Autumn in about March and November respectively. It had an excellent account of County cricket, of both first class and minor counties, but beyond this it published a very full account of Club games.

Keeping Track

TO PEOPLE out here who used to get a season's Club cricket every four or five years it was invaluable as one could keep track of all one's old cricketing friends and their doings.

There were also a great many interesting articles by authorities on the game, though to my mind in recent years too much space was given to the pure statisticians. There were also some amusing verses from the pen of G. D. Martineau, and an interminable series of reminiscences from "A Country Vicar", who from the amount of cricket he was able to see must have had a very easy parish or a very hard working curate.

I do not recall exactly when the Cricketer—whose Editor is of course Plum Warner—first came out. There had been many attempts at magazines on somewhat



A. Sandberg. Winner of the 2 miles bicycle race at the La Salle College sports on Saturday.—Ming Yuen.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENNIS ENTRIES EXTENDED

Entries for the Colony Grass Court Tennis Championships, which closed officially on Saturday, have been extended to Saturday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

Many entries have been received but the Singles and Doubles titles have not yet been decided.

Tau Yan-pui stated yesterday that he and his brother had not yet definitely decided whether to take part in the championships.

Referees' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil today at 4 p.m., when inter-alia, a talk will be given by Mr. T. G. Stokes, honorary life member of the Association, and Councillor of the Hongkong Football Association, on "Certain Aspects in regard to Refereeing without touching upon the Laws of the Game."

similar times but none had lasted very long.

I have bound volumes from the 1939 season onwards, but I am pretty sure it started some years before that. I played quite a lot of cricket for the North Devon C.C. in 1928, and I think it was then I first came across the magazine, took it in regularly, and when returning from leave left a standing order with my bookseller, which he has nobly filled though I had a spot of bother with him early on because he thought I knew better than I did and would send via Siberia.

It was not until he had had to replace half a dozen numbers that he fell in with my views and sent them by the sea route. (It is funny to think now of those peaceful days when your mails came in as regularly as clockwork).

Still Running

I ASSUMED that there would be no Cricketer in 1940, but I was quite wrong. It cut down its size pretty heavily to save paper, but the first copy was published on the 4th May, and the final one—the nineteenth—on the 7th September.

They did not reach me in sequence for about six weeks. I had given up number five for lost—and had little hope of replacing it. But it turned up at last and I have my complete set together with the 1940/41 Annual, also having cut down in size.

Turning the leaves of this Annual, I suddenly found that the Cricketer was first published in May 1920. So, alas! I am shy of nine volumes.

One Match

I SEE that I.R.C. second eleven gallantly carried on with a match v. H.M.S. Tamar. It is good to see a naval side playing again, though I am afraid I do not know any of them. They did not do so badly, considering the fact that they were two short, total 100 runs with Whitehead (30) and Hopkins (30) top scorers. The I.R.C. had none too easy a passage and M. J. Ruzack's 45 (retired) saved them. They made 127 in all.

Rifle Shooting

Week-end Meet Arranged By Middlesex

Under the auspices of the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment, the Hongkong Rifle Association's shoot on Sunday was attended by 124 members.

The weather was cold and damp and for the first hour the light was bad with a considerable amount of mist hanging low on the hills. However, it became very clear later on, with the result that shooting improved considerably and the wind which had been blowing strongly straight down the range dropped to almost nothing by the end of the morning's shooting.

Results

Following were the successful competitors:—
 Class "A" (Net Score)—Lieut. G. J. P. Carey 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124.

Class "B"

Mr. Pang Shun 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124.

Class "C"

Mr. Pang Shun 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124.

Class "D"

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Civil Service Selections

The first eleven of Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club will play a two-day friendly Cricket match against Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's ground beginning on Saturday, March 8, and ending on Sunday. Following have been selected to represent Civil Service Club:—
 J. F. Richardson (Captain), K. J. Atwell, F. Baker, W. Colley, R. H. Grimith, D. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Ferry, R. C. K. Thompson, N. Whitley, R. M. Wood and M. J. Wright.

School Athletics

The 25th annual sports of St. Joseph's College will be held at the Caroline Hill stadium on Thursday, March 6, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mr. J. M. Wilson, n.s.c., will distribute the prizes at the end of the meet.



Matric Class, winners of the Inter-Class relay at La Salle College sports on Saturday. A. Lopes, Leong Swee-sen, Bernard Pomeroy and A. Mackechnie.—Ming Yuen.

Sportsmen's Names On Roll Of Honour

G. G. Macaulay and R. Shayes

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Another grand cricketer, the third in recent weeks, has been killed on active service. He is Pilot-Officer George G. Macaulay, a Yorkshire stalwart for fifteen years.

GREAT LOSS TO TENNIS

Shayes Killed In Action

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lawn tennis enthusiasts will learn with regret of the death, on active service in Rhodesia, of Ronald Shayes, the British Davis Cup player.

Shayes, a sergeant in the R.A.F., was one of the many lawn tennis stars in that service, and he is the latest of a growing list of leading sportsmen who have been given their lives in the present war.

Shayes, who joined the R.A.F. after serving for a time as a member of an A.R.P. unit, was just about to complete his training when he was involved in a flying accident.

Sensational Rise

HIS rise to lawn tennis stardom was almost sensational, but he was one of the enigmas of the game. At times he played like a world-beater; at others like a novice. But when at his best he could make the most difficult shots with the greatest of ease.

In May, 1938, he volleyed his way to an unexpected victory against Bernard Destreman in the Davis Cup match with France. He also helped Great Britain to beat New Zealand in the same competition.

Shayes, who was 28, was married in June, 1938, to Miss Quentin Harvey, daughter of a well-known Paris dental surgeon, but the wedding had been kept very secret and was not announced until two months later. A reception was subsequently held in Paris and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were among the guests.

Home Racing Fixtures For 1941

LONDON.—THE JOCKEY CLUB have abandoned all fixtures arranged for this year. A new fixture list will, however, soon be published, together with the approximate dates of substitute races for the Derby and other classics.

Lord Harewood, the Senior Steward, explained the reason for the cancellation of the 1941 fixtures. The main objection, he said, was the dependency which would be caused in racing circles. On the other hand, it would not be to the general advantage to hold racecourse executives to an expensive programme which might be beyond their means to carry out.

New Events

Particulars of new events for the year, closing on Jan. 14, were published in the Racing Calendar.

The substitute races, with added amounts, are: Derby (£2,000 added), St. Leger (£1,500), Oaks (£1,000), Two Thousand Guineas (£1,000), One Thousand Guineas (£700), Gold Cup (value £200 with £2,000 added), St. James's Palace Stakes (£1,000), Craven Stakes (£300), Coventry Stakes (£1,000) and Queen Mary Stakes (£750).

The Racing Calendar also announced that Col. Douglas-Pennant had resigned his membership of the National Hunt Committee. Mr. Collier, who was secretary to the committee for over 30 years, has also resigned.

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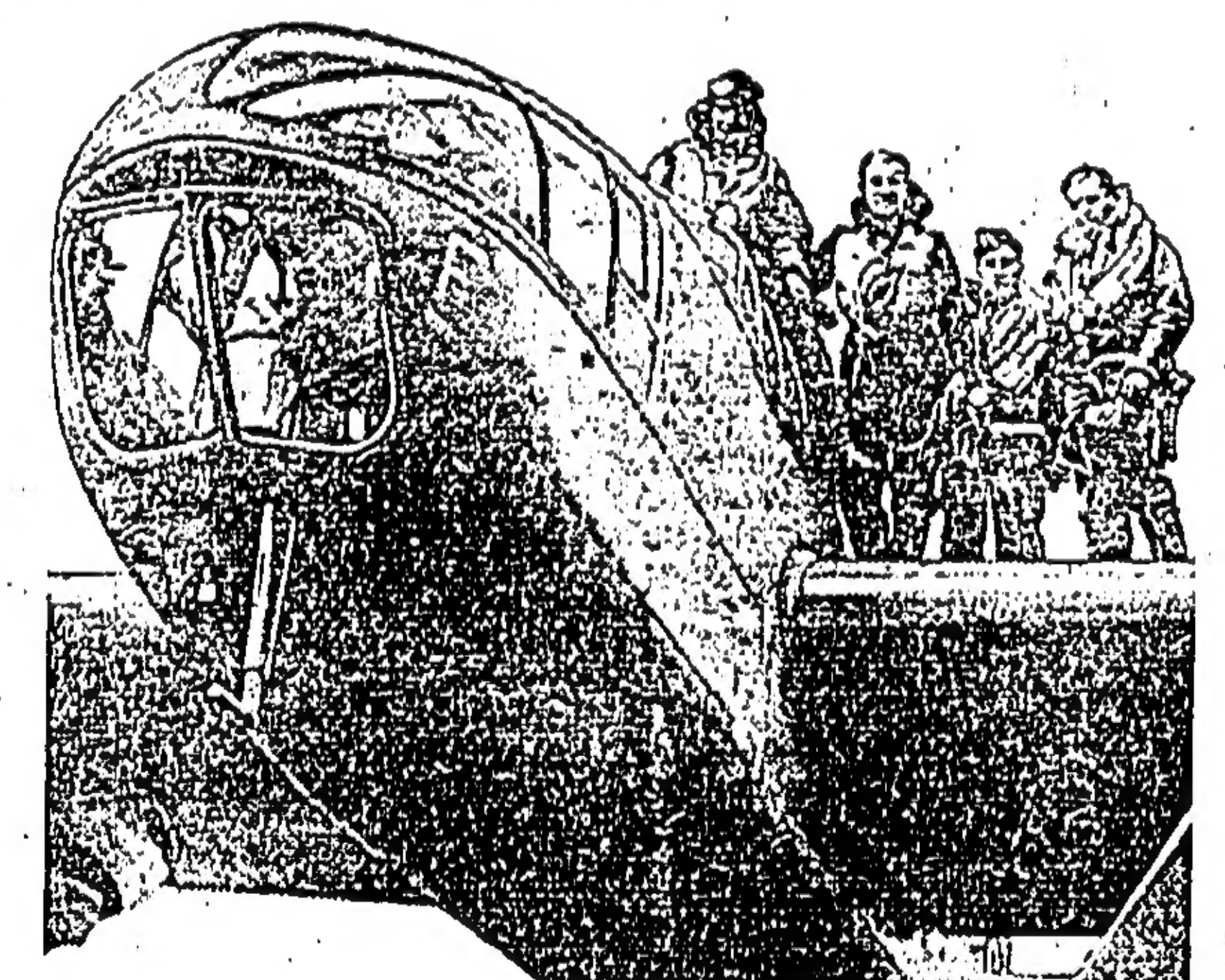
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"Trading" Position Of Weygand

An Associated Press message from New York states that, in discussion with a diplomat who had talked to Gen. Weygand, sent to North Africa by the Vichy Government, it was learned that the general had intentionally placed himself in a "trading" position in Algeria.

His object was that, if the German terms, in his opinion, were too dishonourable, he could "win the military forces in Algeria and possibly Syria, too, in a new direction." This would not, however, be a matter of joining Gen. de Gaulle's forces.

Republican Party Given Less Funds From Rich Men

A preliminary report of the U. S. Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee discloses that members of the Rockefeller, duPont and Pew families gave \$278,725 to the Republican party in 1940. In 1936, their gifts totalled \$1,104,597.

Despite this drop, other Committee figures show that in one state alone, Pennsylvania, the G.O.P. collected \$1,302,535, and spent \$1,176,802. The Democrats got \$271,275, expended \$266,173.

Republican receipts in Ohio were \$931,214, expenditures \$767,403. Democrats listed \$72,522 and \$172,216.

£10,000. For The Tornado Planes

Mr Charles Alma Baker, the Perak miner and planter, has, in addition to his previous gifts to help the war effort, now sent £10,000 for the purchase of two Tornado planes.

This brings Mr Alma Baker's total donations to the Royal Air Force to £32,450.

It is understood the Tornados have been chosen because Lord Beaverbrook, the Minister of Aircraft Production, considers these fast planes of great importance at the moment to supplement the wonderful work of the Spitfires.

FAR EAST WAR NOT INEVITABLE

Frank Statement by Mr Menzies

LONDON, Mar. 3. Mr Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking to-day said that because Japan had made an agreement with the Axis Powers, Australians should not permit themselves to drift into an atmosphere in relation to Japan which was at least dubious and might quite frankly be dangerous.

"Do not let us grope around in that kind of fog," he said. "Do not let us become victims of that most pernicious of all habits—the habit of believing that a possible conflict becomes inevitable. I do not believe in the inevitability of conflict. I do believe, except in the case which has come upon us in Europe, that there is no such thing as the inevitability of conflict or any difficulty which is incapable of being resolved by cultivation between nations of the utmost frankness."

"Consequently, we appear to forget we are grown up people and grown up people do not go round the world stroking each other in a gingerly way. If they have any differences of view they ventilate them."

"It is for this reason that in Australia they have established a new tradition by establishing direct diplomatic representation at Tokyo."

"We have aimed and are aiming at getting nearer Japan. We are not aiming, at sitting suspiciously in our corner. While this is going on we must be grown up people and be realistic and because we are realistic we have pursued in Australia a policy of local defence which is directed at enabling us to resist with our own forces and attack by any aggressor."

"I have no reason to believe and I have no sort of belief that Pacific Ocean can be made in fact pacific if all the peoples who live on its borders will merely be frank and sensible and tolerant and understanding with each other."

Dealing with relations between Australia and America, Mr Menzies said, "We shall never begin to understand the problems of relations between Australia & America if we really assume that the Americans are exactly the same as ourselves."

Americans had their own ideas and their ideas were not necessarily the same as the Australian. Their interests, too, were not necessarily the same as Australian interests. Fear would never control the foreign policy of Australia. The fact that Australia had appointed diplomatic representatives in other countries did not indicate a separatist movement within the British Empire.

"It would be a great blunder if any country thought this was so," declared Mr Menzies.—Reuter.

Charity Concert Arranged

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, a Charity Concert will be given by St John's Hall Orchestra, conducted by Mr J. R. M. Smith, in the Great Hall of the University, on March 8 at 8 p.m.

The proceeds will go to the Chinese Red Cross Society, the Hongkong Food Kitchen and other local charity organizations.

The programme will consist of famous orchestral music by Mozart, Bach, Strauss, etc., while Messrs F. W. Chao, Smith and Pao will render solos.

Tickets, at \$5, \$2 and \$1, are obtainable at the Tsang Fook Piano Company, where bookings may also be made.

MUSIC CLUB MEETING
The sixth general meeting of the Hongkong University Music Club will be held in the Union Assembly Room on Thursday at 8.15 p.m., when the Rev. T. F. Ryan will give a talk on "The Church in D. Minor." The talk will be illustrated with phonograph records. All interested are welcome.

On March 13, Mr D. J. Sloss will give a talk on Bach, and on April 3, Miss Caroline Braga and Mr A. M. Braga will give a piano recital and talk on "Piano Music Old and New."

Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,595,402.76 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:
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The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:
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Mr Donald Black 20
Miss Norah Stone 20
An Inland Missionary 20
Mr W. N. Winde 20
Mr G. Duncan 20
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President Hayes Aground

Boston, Mar. 3.
The new 9,300-ton passenger-today President Hayes ran aground today off Cape Cod Canal, near Buzzard Bay entrance, while on the start of her maiden voyage to the Orient. Her maiden voyage cutters have been sent to aid the vessel which is believed to be undamaged. It is not known whether the ship is carrying passengers.—United Press.

New Medal For Bravery At Sea

The Committee of Lloyd's has decided to strike a new medal. "Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea," to be bestowed on officers and men of the merchant navy and fishing fleet for exceptional gallantry at sea in time of war with Lloyd's Medal for Saving Life at Sea, which has been aptly called "the V.C. of the Ocean."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: The market was both dull and uninteresting.

Buyers
Providents \$5.75
Lights \$0.15
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SOVIET HINT TO BULGARIA

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result of the entry of German troops into Bulgaria.

Full Text

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The full text of the statement regarding the Soviet Government's attitude on Bulgaria's adherence to the Tripartite Pact is as follows:

"On March 1 a representative of the Bulgarian Foreign Office informed the official representative of the Soviet Government in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria for the purpose of consolidating peace in the Balkans."

"On March 3, the Deputy People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky, replied as follows to the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow, M. Stamenov:

"In reply to the communication of March 1 to the effect that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria and that this action had the purpose of preserving peace in the Balkans, the Soviet Government deem it necessary to say:

(1) The Soviet Government cannot share the view of the Bulgarian Government as to the correctness of her attitude in this question as this attitude, regardless of whether the Bulgarian Government wishes it, leads not to consolidation of peace but to further extension of the sphere of war and the involvement of Bulgaria in war;

(2) The Soviet Government, true to its peace policy, is not in position to render any support whatever to the Bulgarian Government in the execution of her present policy.

"The Soviet Government finds it necessary to make this statement, particularly in view of the unhindered rumours in the Bulgarian press which misrepresent the real attitude of the Soviet Government."

British Advancing In Somaliland

FROM PAGE ONE

by the Italians but fought back and drove the Italians up the summit of a neighbouring ridge. There they found that although able to hold the Italians, they themselves were unable to emerge from their positions behind the rocks owing to the withering blasts of fire from Italian machine-gun nests.

British artillery was signalled to and guns were brought up. Later, the British troops, crouching behind the rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

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Father and Son Part Ways

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSAKA, Mar. 3 (Domei).—Chang Kuo-li, 24 son of Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Industry of the Chungking Government, has been studying at Osaka Medical College and has decided to serve with the National Government of China at Nanking after finishing his study in Japan this spring.

He leaves Kobe on March 11 aboard the Taiyo Maru with his wife for Shanghai.

LATE NEWS

New Influenza Vaccine

A new influenza vaccine, recently developed by the Rockefeller Institute, is being tested on students and faculty members of Kansas University. Administered in a single dose, expected to immunize for five to six months, it produces no reaction.

The Journal of the American Medical Association describes another new flu vaccine, developed by two New York physicians, as "one of the most promising practical leads in research of recent decades." The "purely accidental discovery" followed experiments with ferrets.

La Guardia Speaks On Bad Boys

Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York delved into child psychology in a speech before bus operators recently, and concluded that the boy who breaks school house windows is far more culpable than one who hitches rides on a bus.

He suggested a new design of bus stems to eliminate any holds which reckless boys might get, so that they could not grab a ride.

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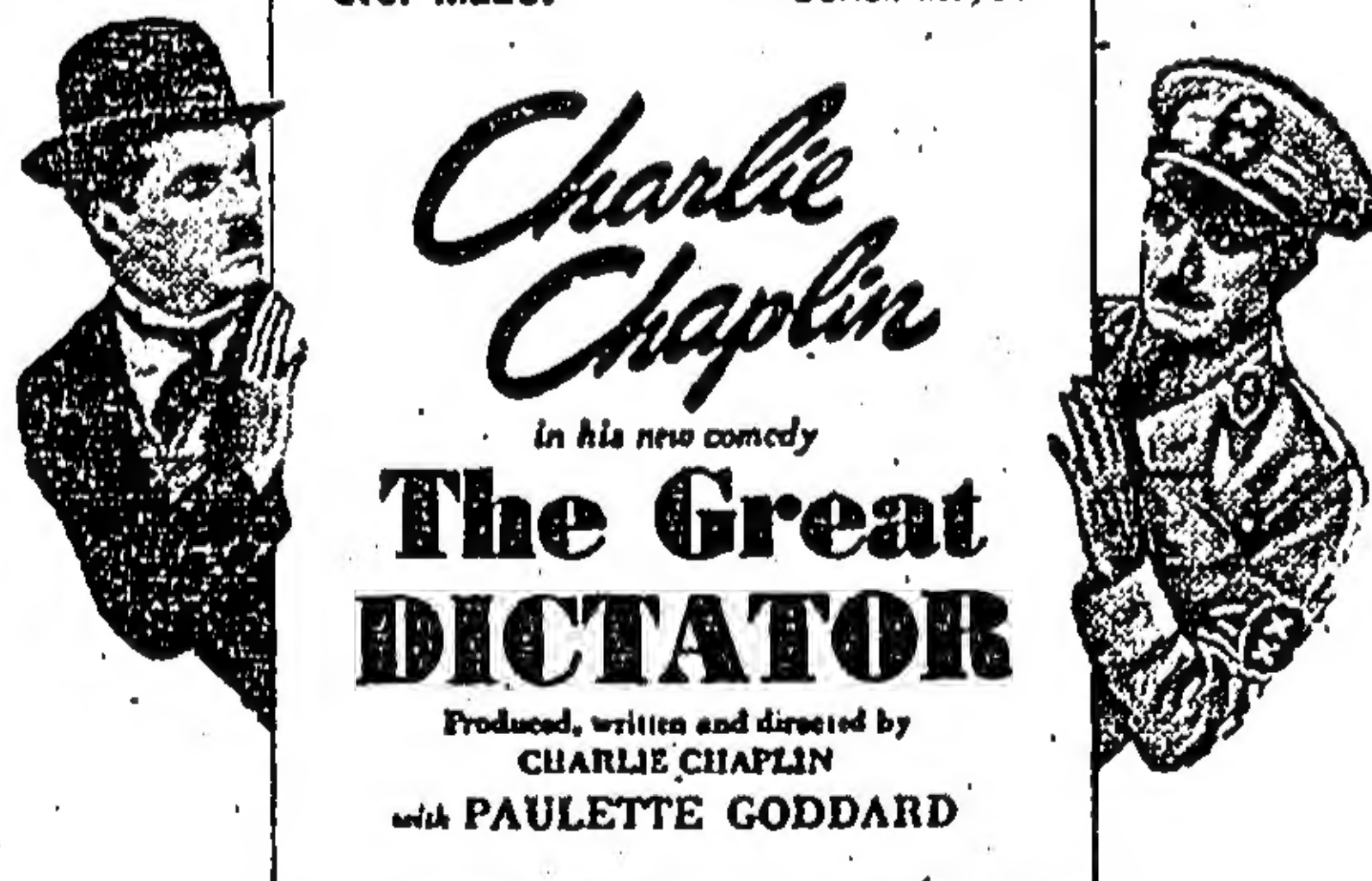
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Soviet Hint To Bulgaria

Nazi Occupation Resented

MOSCOW, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Moscow radio announced tonight that the Soviet Foreign Office had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow today that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards an extension of the war to the Balkans and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government.

Full Text

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The full text of the statement regarding the Soviet Government's attitude on Bulgaria's adherence to the Tripartite Pact is as follows:

"On March 1 a representative of the Bulgarian Foreign Office informed the official representative of the Soviet Government in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria for the purpose of consolidating peace in the Balkans.

"On March 3, the Deputy Peoples' Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vishinsky, replied as follows to the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow, M. Stamenov:

"In reply to the communication of March 1 to the effect that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria and that this action had the purpose of preserving peace in the Balkans, the Soviet Government deem it necessary to say:

Extension of War

"(1) The Soviet Government cannot share the view of the Bulgarian Government as to the correctness of her attitude in this question as this attitude, regardless of whether the Bulgarian Government wishes it, leads not to consolidation of peace but to further extension of the sphere of war and the involvement of Bulgaria in war;

"(2) The Soviet Government, true to its peace policy, is not in position to render any support whatever to the Bulgarian Government in the execution of her present policy.

"The Soviet Government finds it necessary to make this statement, particularly in view of the unhindered rumours in the Bulgarian press

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Nazi Cruiser Attacked

British Bombers In Action At Brest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Mar. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced today that the British on Sunday night again bombed a cruiser of the Hipper class at Brest, straddling with bombs, the docks at which it was berthed.

During Sunday, British planes attacked a convoy in the North Sea, torpedoing a 2,000-ton vessel amidships. Bombers also attacked a sea plane base and shipping off the Dutch islands. Two bombers are missing.

Japanese Manoeuvres In The Bias Bay Area

Japanese military manoeuvres in Bias Bay have been gaining added momentum recently, and according to one very reliable source, the Japanese are now constructing a landing base at Kauchungmel, where already a pier has been built and a wireless station installed.

The transfer of crack Japanese troops from southern Formosa to the Bias Bay area has been in progress for some time past and is continuing. Twelve divisions of Japanese troops are reported to have been sent to Formosa from China fronts recently.

The forces now being landed in the Tamsui area are said to be well equipped. Heavy field artillery has also been landed.

Shumchun has been cleared of Japanese military, and pro-Japanese Chinese police are now in control at the border city.

It is reported that the Japanese are hastening the construction of a road from Bias Bay to Nantau, while another main highway is being completed from Tamsui towards Wai-chow.

TURKEY TO WAIT BEHIND HER DEFENCES FOR NAZIS TO MOVE

British Bases May Be Set Up

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that three new classes have been called to the colours in Turkey, but that three others have been demobilised.

An unconfirmed report says that British bombers have been sent to Varna and Rustchuk. It is denied that the Dardanelles have been mined and closed, although Turkish pilots are required on all vessels passing through.

Semi-official quarters consider that Bulgaria is now only a German "province" and that the Turko-Bulgarian pact does not apply to a German attack on Greece. As soon as the positions are consolidated Turkish troops will remain on the defensive behind their frontiers, since military experts are convinced that that is the only chance for a successful campaign.

Informed quarters believe that Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill arranged to set up British air and land bases, and for British warships to pass through the Dardanelles if the Germans attack Greece.

Salonica Raid Alarm
SALONIKA, Mar. 3 (UP).—The alarm was sounded at 11 a.m. on Sunday and the all clear at 11.22 a.m. No foreign planes appeared.

Turkish Vigilance
ISTANBUL, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis Pact remains the chief topic in the newspapers here. "Vatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans" and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

"Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the Pact was secured by Germany long ago and that only the date of enforcement remained open. Other papers declare that an explanation is necessary as to why the Bulgarians took this latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian Non-Aggression Agreement.

"Ulus" says: "The Turco-Bulgarian Agreement re-affirmed Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on the acts which the obligations contained in the Tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis Alliance are applied."

Soviet Relations
The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and the Near East. Let us hope that Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the Tripartite Pact in favour of peace and that she will succeed."

Free French Views
LONDON, Mar. 3 (Central News).—While resenting Vichy's acceptance of Japan's terms, French circles in London think that Vichy is still playing for time. Hence the acceptance is subject to certain conditions which will enable prolonged parleys.

However, it is possible that Saigon may ignore Vichy's decision and remain neutral.

Resignation Accepted
LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Formal acceptance of the resignation of the Bulgarian Minister in London, M. Mornichloff, was received in London from Sofia today.

M. Mornichloff telegraphed his resignation to the Bulgarian Government yesterday. It is learned that he disapproves of the government's policy in joining the Axis.

Ferdinand Speaks
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The 80-year-old ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is living in exile at Coburg, declares that the German-Bulgarian Agreement is justification of his 1914 policy, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Bladet."

Yugo-Slavia Next Victim?
Belgrade Reports
BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Senior Regent, Prince Paul, this morning received Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, at the former's estate at Brod, in Slovenia, near the point at which the Yugo-Slav, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet.

This is learned in usually reliable quarters and it has been confirmed that Prince Paul left Belgrade by a special train travelling northwards last night.

Official Denial
BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav press and authorities tonight officially denied the report that Prince Paul met Herr von Ribbentrop this morning.

C.N.A.C. Plane Found

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (UP).—The C.N.A.C. today revealed that the Douglas DC-2 plane which was lost on February 12 while enroute to Chungking from Hongkong on a special chartered trip, was found yesterday at Taoshien in the southwestern corner of Hunan.

The plane crashed into a mountain and was entirely destroyed. It is feared that all four of the occupants were killed.

RAIDS ON BRITAIN

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast this afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on one town in Kent. One person was killed and a few people were injured.

One British fighter is missing. The enemy were to-day over a South Wales town and over East Anglia.

Morning Raids
LONDON, Mar. 3 (UP).—There was desultory gunfire several times this morning as single raiders flew over London districts. Several bombs were heard to drop in one district after which the raider flew off and the anti-aircraft guns quieted down.

ALBANIA

Italians Fail To Make Headway

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday they repelled two heavy Italian attacks, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack at sunset failed despite strong artillery preparation and the Greeks, firing from 5,000 feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate plus great losses.

Beret Raided
CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. heavily attacked the Albanian aerodrome of Beret on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued here today.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started extensive fires visible over 50 miles away.

British Advancing in Italian Somaliland: Rome Admissions

Special to the "Telegraph"

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that British troops have occupied Duce, Degli and Abuzzi without opposition. The villages comprise an important agricultural centre 80 miles along the railway running north from Mogadiscio.

Italian Admission

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—Today's communiqué states that British troops overpowered and took the small garrison at Kufra which had been besieged during the past months and which is situated in Libya over 500 miles from the coast. Part of the troops succeeded in reaching the Italian lines, while British armoured cars, attempting to approach Jarabub, were put to flight.

Model Village

LONDON, Mar. 3 (British Wire- less).—Abruzzi, one of three villages captured by British forces in Italian Somaliland, is an inland town of some 9,000 inhabitants, including 200 Italians.

It owes much to the pioneer work of the Duke of Abruzzi, who is buried there. It is a model village and a large area in the vicinity, about 4,200 hectares, is under intensive cultivation, cotton, sugar, grain, bananas, fruit and vegetables being grown.

Keren Proves Tough

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Hide-and-seek artillery duels, in which Italian gunners have shifted gun positions during darkness and concealment in the scrub and rocky crevices, etc., and the sudden appearance of Imperial forces in places which the Italians had deemed inaccessible, have been features of the British siege of Keren, a railway town, which is proving one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire.

Keren, 75 miles from Asmara, the Eritrean capital, is situated near

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Italian Air Force Run Out Of Sky In Africa

(By "Reuter" on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier)

Mar. 3.—British bombers, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

Enemy Aircraft Losses

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February compared with the British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone, 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 250 destroyed on the ground or captured.

During the same month, the total of German planes lost over Britain since the war began was brought to 3,123 by destruction—a further 30 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night, eight by A.A. fire. British losses were five planes, making a war total of 853.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory in February were 49 against 11 Germans.

Up to February 28, British losses under this heading totalled 445.

For weeks past, our airmen have been running the Italian air force right out of the sky so that to-day British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Dominion airmen especially settle down quickly to the local conditions. I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron, which already has nearly 80 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels.

Sudanese mud huts—around the aerodrome. They declare that their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable.

The Rhodesian squadron is stationed in a forward position in Eritrea. Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator for fresh civilian food.

The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of advancing British troops has been very heartening to these men, plodding through inhospitable and unfamiliar country.

Tumultuous Reception of Eden & Dill In Athens

ATHENS, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Mr Eden's talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight. They will probably be resumed this afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

The visit of Mr Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from the waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon. The band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr Eden this morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Later Mr Eden and General Dill were guests of the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Alexander Korizis, at luncheon.

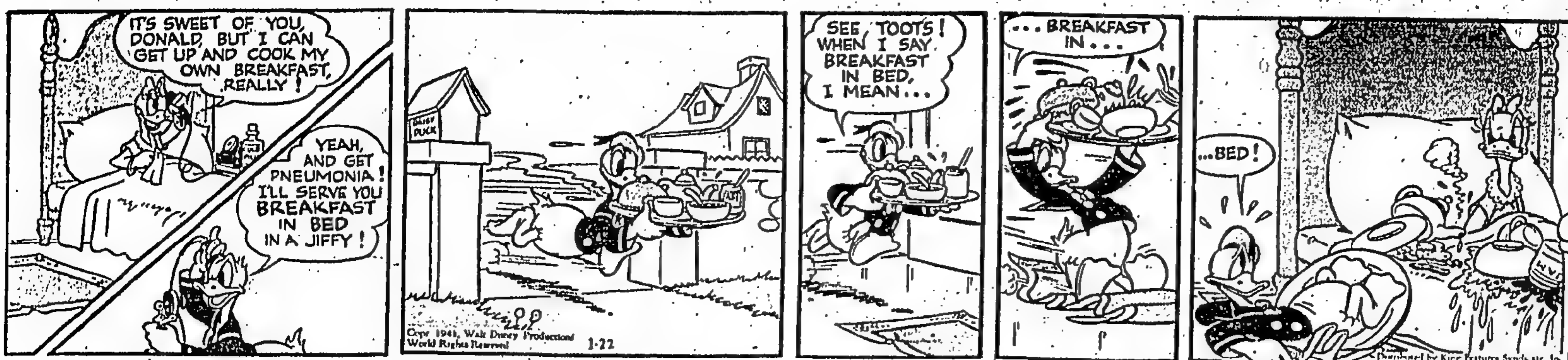
To-day, being the first Monday in Lent, is a public holiday which is normally spent in making trips to the country, but on this occasion the Athenian crowds spent the morning promenading the streets, waiting to welcome Mr Eden.

German Intention
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" says that Germany hopes to score a "moral" and political triumph by mediating peace between Greece and Italy.

"The terms suggested," says the correspondent, "include Greek retention of part of her Albanian conquests against cessation to Germany of certain bases in Greek territory, returnable at the conclusion of the war."

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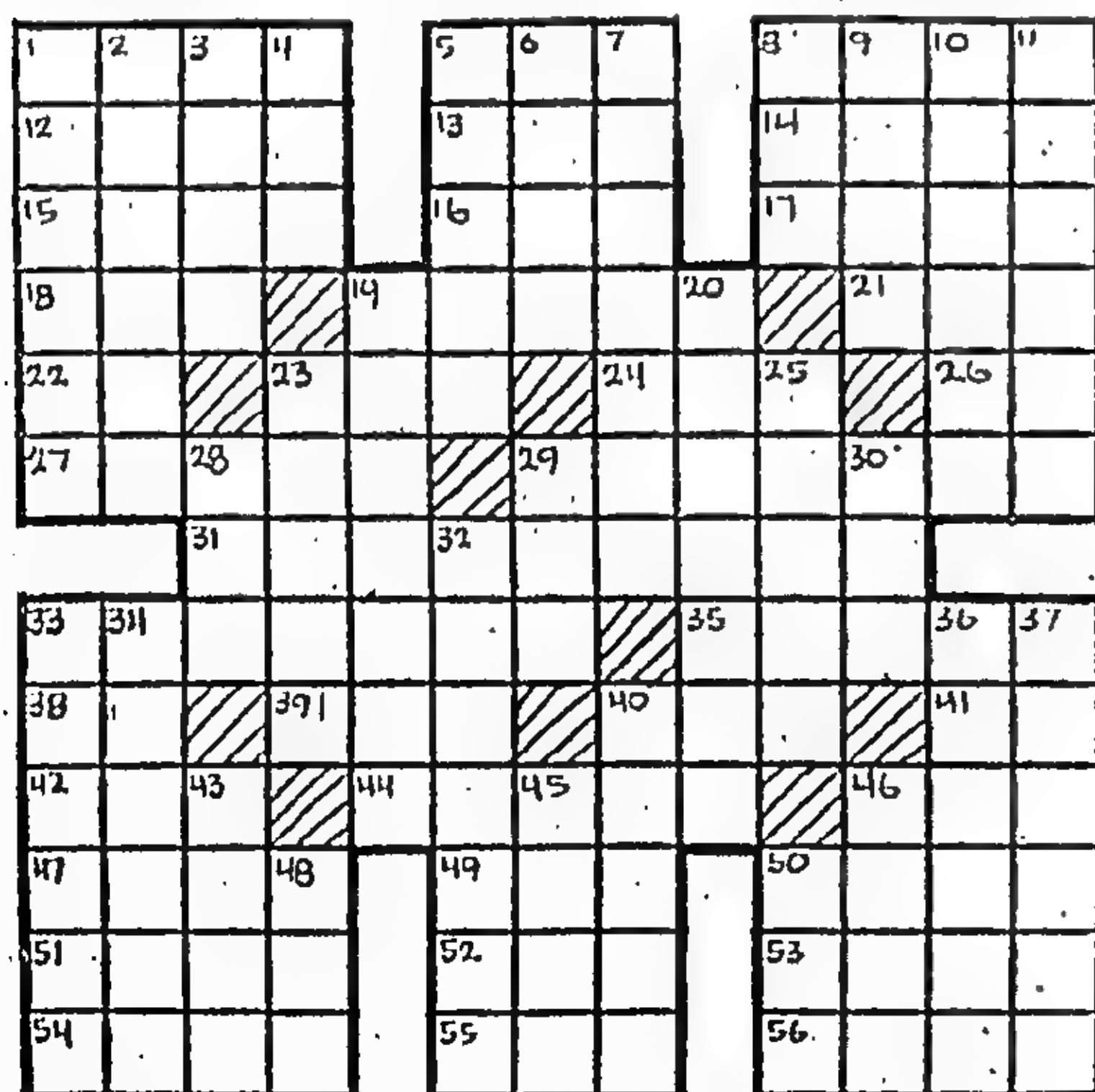
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ACROSS

- 1—Table land
- 2—Houd garment
- 3—Corded fabrics
- 4—Juni
- 5—Anglo-Saxon money
- 6—City in France
- 7—Lively sea god
- 8—Vastly fluid
- 9—Features in money
- 10—Tell falsehood
- 11—Dull, surprised by
- 12—Alcazar of weight
- 13—That thing
- 14—Hill; all
- 15—One with leprosy
- 16—Scottish garnish
- 17—Contradictory
- 18—English title
- 19—Higher
- 20—One
- 21—Openwork fabric
- 22—Short poem
- 23—Lure
- 24—Rud
- 25—Abounds
- 26—Form of matter
- 27—Pervious rock
- 28—Metal-bearing rock
- 29—Transported
- 30—Wheel hub

DOWN

- 1—Servant
- 2—Nile evident
- 3—Ailing
- 4—Beverage
- 5—Punctuation mark
- 6—Metric measures
- 7—In part
- 8—Color
- 9—Man's name
- 10—Told arms of
- 11—Hardened
- 12—Crown
- 13—Bills songs (Scottish)
- 14—Form of joint
- 15—Citi for wound
- 16—Standard score
- 17—Naked lace
- 18—Poisonous snake
- 19—Heavenly bodine
- 20—Conductor's stick
- 21—Living thing
- 22—Slip up
- 23—List of names
- 24—Greek letter
- 25—Cover Africa
- 26—Great lake
- 27—High wind
- 28—Radical change
- 29—Reputation (slang)



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The Troops in the Desert: Their Daily Life

By JOHN YINDRICH
United Press Staff Correspondent

Flies, boredom, and heat are the biggest enemies of British troops in Egypt.

Newly-drafted troops quickly get acclimatized to the peculiar local conditions whilst undergoing training for highly mobile desert warfare, in which patrols roam the desert waste in armoured cars and infantry ride in trucks seeking Italians with whom to do battle.

An average trooper, who often sleeps in the open air, is generally awakened soon after 6 a.m. by the flies which swarm around as soon as the sun warms the night-cooled desert. After washing in a canvas bucket with water which is specially brought in water

carts, the trooper dons khaki shirts, shorts and gym shoes, which are necessary for the desert, where the temperature is often over 106 Fahrenheit.

Al Fresco Breakfast

Breakfast in the open air at eight consists of tinned fish, tea, bread, marmalade, and perhaps butter, plus any luxury which friends may have sent. This is the menu for troops in advanced position; if they are farther back they get eggs and bacon. Sometimes it is possible to buy eggs hundreds of miles from anywhere from some wandering Bedouin who pops up out of the ground with the skirt of his grubby, nightgown-like costume filled with tiny eggs of mysterious origin.

Out in the blue the units are small and highly mechanized, for which reason troopers are liable to be called on to do any job. The morning is often spent overhauling tanks, armoured cars and trucks, if

Keeping dapper in the desert—a very impromptu barber's shop for British troops.

no operation is planned, or digging slit trenches to dive into when the whistle shrills that means the approach of enemy planes.

As the morning wears, as the sun beats down hotter and hotter until lunch-time, when one eats bully beef, bread, tea, and special dessert amid hordes of flies.

The appearance of flies anywhere in the desert within five minutes of the presence of a human being is one of the major mysteries of Egypt.

BBC News

In the afternoon, the trooper plays cards, usually Pontoon, until tea, which consists of bread and jam, and perhaps, butter. After tea, he listens in to the BBC news, writes a letter home, or, for the fifteenth time, rereads the last one he got.

Supper consists of bread, tinned meat or fish and tinned fruit, and is eaten under canvas by the light of spluttering paraffin lamps, although some units have electric light.

The BBC is the main source of evening entertainment, but lucky units have a dart-board. Yarns are swapped and experiences exchanged until they are so old they are bewhiskered. Sometimes someone drops in after a sixty-mile trek across the desert after a breakdown, and tells what it feels like to be lost in the desert.

Unlucky Brigadier

Everyone is in bed early, but sometimes the whistle sounds through the pitch black night, and everyone rushes barefooted across the stony desert to the nearest trench. At one place, which shall be nameless, half a unit jumped into a trench on top of a Brigadier whom they failed to see in the dark.

When an operation is under way the scene changes. Tanks and armoured cars rattle off into the darkness. Infantry silently climbs into trucks and, with the mobile artillery, follow to the destination somewhere behind or near the Italian positions. The mobile column arrives at the selected spot just before dawn, and lies doggo until nightfall while the mobile observation post keeps watch for Italian movements and Italian planes.

After nightfall the guns open up and the tanks and armoured cars rush in with machine-guns blazing, followed by the infantry who capture as many prisoners and documents as possible, spike the guns, blow up ammunition dumps, cut telephone lines, shoot all who show resistance, destroy trucks or drive them away.

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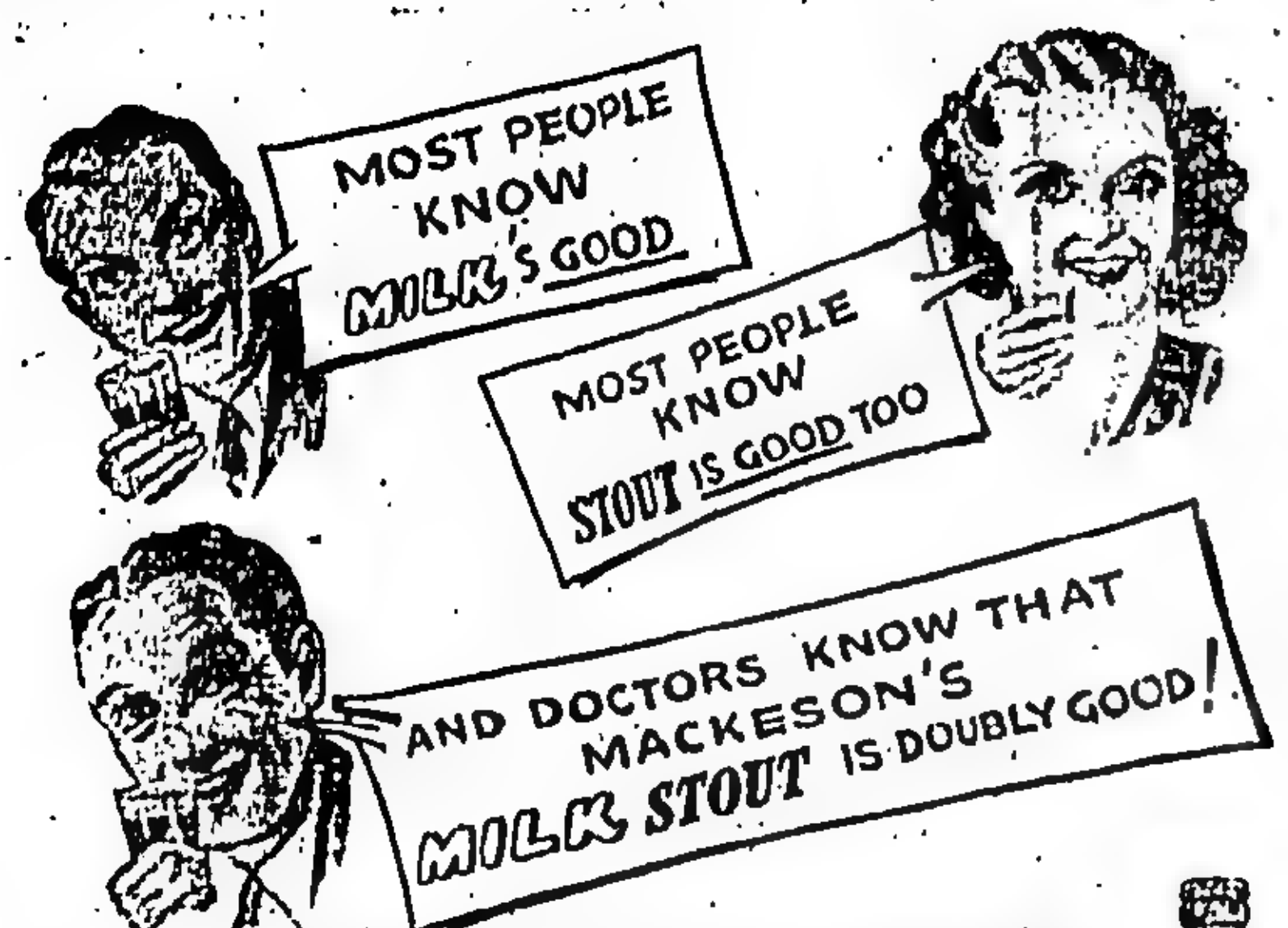
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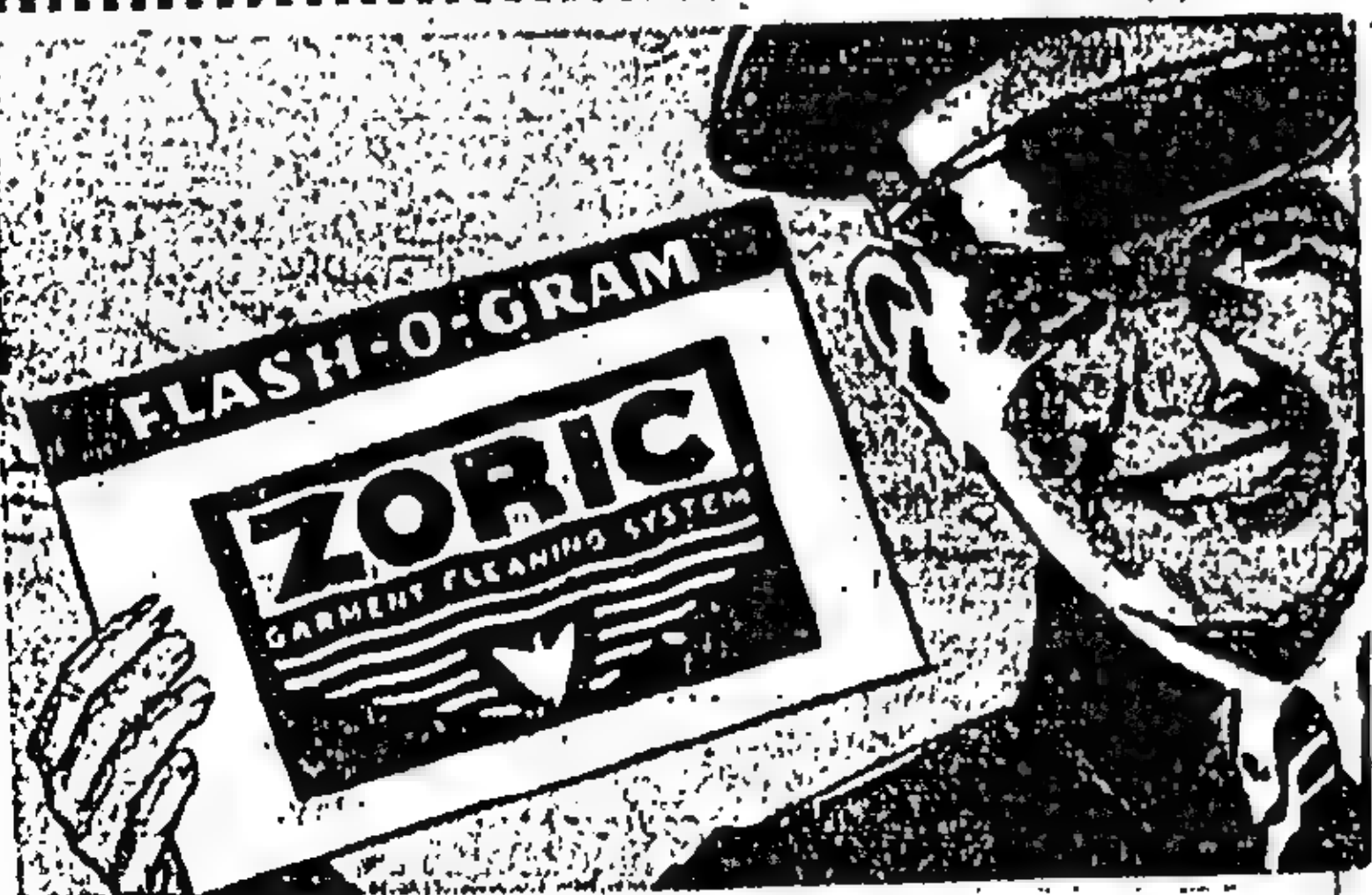
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REPRISAL RAIDS

THE daily reports of the German High Command are always cunningly worded; they are, in fact, an important part of Nazi propaganda. This is well illustrated in their manner of recording large-scale air raids on Britain.

For example, the Nazis announce that a recent night attack on Cardiff was in retaliation for a British raid on Bremen. The implication is that if Bremen had not been attacked, Cardiff would not have been visited by the German bombers. By this stratagem it is hoped to arouse defeatism or peace-mindedness in the stricken British towns. Goebbels imagines that their inhabitants will exclaim, "If the R.A.F. had only stopped at home, this would not have happened."

Actually, nowhere is the desire to see Germany paid back in her own coin stronger than it is in the cities that have suffered most from Nazi frightfulness. These cities know that even if the R.A.F. never crossed the frontiers of the Reich, the enemy bombers would still do their best to wreak blind destruction on British towns.

This is the weapon with which Hitler hoped to crush British morale. He must see by now that, like his other calculations concerning Britain, it is quite mistaken; but the ruthless use of the Luftwaffe will probably continue until the problem of the night bomber has been solved. When Hitler adopts the pose that his so-called reprisal raids are a distasteful and unavoidable necessity, he deceives no one, not even himself, for no barbarity or inhumanity is distasteful to the Chief Hun.

**Free French
In Tahiti**

Free French headquarters in Sydney have announced plans to form a well-equipped military force of 3,000 Free Frenchmen in New Caledonia and Tahiti to carry on the war against Germany and Italy.

SECOND ARTICLE IN THE "TELEGRAPH'S" IMPORTANT NEW SERIES

RIDDLES OF 1941

Will Hitler Invade Britain?

By

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famous writer on Army affairs, and Military

Correspondent for the "Daily Herald," London

THE great military question of the moment is "Can Germany Invade Britain?" If I were asked for an answer in one word, it would be No.

Let me expand and qualify that view.

It does not mean that Germany cannot land troops in Britain. That is possible, though improbable.

And it does not necessarily mean that she may not try to land troops in the Old Country. Perhaps she will be forced by political circumstances to attempt the project at which Napoleon baulked.

It means that in my opinion, expressed definitely and unhesitatingly, Germany cannot conquer Britain by means of an invasion.

Here are my reasons.

If Hitler had thought an invasion could succeed, he would have tried it months ago. If ever he had a chance of bringing it off at all, he had one last summer.

He missed that chance. He will never get so good a one again.

No Chance

Undoubtedly, he meant to invade us last autumn. But when the time came to launch the attack, he found himself faced with an impossible task—and he abandoned it.

His fleet was too weak to cover the passage of his invading army. His air force was blown out of the sky by the R.A.F. and could not cover his army, either.

If he had persisted, the German soldiers would have had to attempt the invasion alone and uncovered. And what a fearful task lies before any army up against that!

It has to set forth upon tricky waters notorious for the vagaries of their winds and tides.

It has to face the hidden perils of mine and submarine.

Risks They Run

It has to expose itself to the attack of surface craft—against which it could not defend itself.

And it has to lay itself open, while embarking, crossing and approaching the further shore, to incessant bombing and machine-gunning from the air.

Those perils are as great to-day as they were last autumn.

Even if they were survived, and Hitler's army reached our shores—sea-sick and nerve-shattered—it would have to land on a coast long and carefully prepared for defence, bristling with obstacles, and manned by superior forces.

These forces are fully trained, resolute, and eager to fight. They are armed with tanks, machine-guns, field guns, and heavy artillery.

Against these, the invaders could put only such light armament as their frail craft could carry.

No, the invader would have practically no chance of even getting ashore. Such a "Battle for Britain" would begin and end with a bloody massacre on our beaches.

Even if the hundredth chance came off, and the Germans se-

cured a footing somewhere on our coast, it would be of small use to them.

What It Means

To get ashore the mass of armament, munitions, transport and other material required for the conquest of Britain, they would have to seize at least one well-equipped port, with its docks and quays and cranes intact.

War material cannot just be thrown into the water out of ships' holds—assuming you have the ships and can get them close to the shore—and they cannot be landed by boats on an open beach. Big port equipment is required.

But our ports are well defended, and even if one fell into enemy hands we should certainly leave it in no fit state for use.

Without such a port, the invaders must either starve or waste away, or be left helpless to face our powerful counter-offensive.

The attempt must end in ghastly failure.

It was as well for Hitler that he did not try it last summer. Or if, as some stories go, he did try it, then he was fortunate that it was stifled at birth.

Just Suppose

Supposing he tries it now, or next month, or in the early summer of 1941? His air force may have more and better machines than it had last autumn—but so has the R.A.F.

And the R.A.F. to-day and to-morrow, as yesterday, would go into battle with all the moral factors of superiority on its side.

The Luftwaffe's prospects of sweeping the skies to clear a way across the Channel for its army are highly unpromising, to put it mildly.

The German fleet? It, too, may be increased, but still not by so much or at such a speed as ours.

It has never yet been equal to keeping the sea against the Bri-

tish Navy. There is not the slightest reason to believe that it ever will be. Certainly it will not be able to clear the seaways across the Channel for its army.

No, if the German army comes here, it must still do so uncovered.

But let us suppose that portions of it do get here, as they just conceivably might. For if Hitler launched several forces from different points of his far-flung coastline of occupied territory, one or two of them might sneak to land.

Obstacles

In that case, however, they would be most hazardingly placed. They would still be up against those obstacles I mentioned above: superior opposition, strong defences, problems of supply, lack of tanks and heavy guns.

Only with all these obstacles removed could they make the swift and irresistible progress inland that alone can bring them any sort of success.

There are other drawbacks. For example, the invaders would not have that close air support that was the key to the German victory over France.

Also, the country in which they would have to operate is far from favourable.

In the north, where a landing from Norway might possibly be attempted, there is good ground for tank operations. But it is we, not the invaders, who will have the tanks.

East Anglia and the Home Counties are, for the most part, "closed" country—with small fields and many trees and hedges. Here every step of the invader's progress would be clogged and hampered, by Home Guards as well as regular forces, and he will not have the heavy artillery or large supplies of ammunition necessary to force his way forward.

The South of England is no more favourable to him. It has alternations of open and closed

country, but in either he will be at a disadvantage against the stubborn defence that has been prepared for him, and which he must overcome quickly or be overwhelmed.

So I think that an invader's destruction cannot be long delayed, and is, in any case, inevitable sooner or later.

And as Hitler must know this as well as I do, I do not believe he will order the attack, except as a gambler's last plunge.

But, you may say, perhaps he will spring some new methods of attack on us. What about the possibility of invasion from the air?

It is possible that he might manage to land small forces at various points by parachute or other means, and hope to reinforce them later by larger parties in troop-carrying aeroplanes.

Swift Warning

But we should get swift warning of their arrival. They would be quickly ringed round by our forces, and our counter-attacks would be launched at once.

The enemy would be heavily outnumbered, and outclassed in weapons. He would still be unable to bring large supplies of arms and munitions with him.

He would still be fighting in country unfavourable to the rapid and far-reaching advance he requires.

He would, in fact, be up against the same difficulties as those which would have confronted him had he come by sea. And in the long run his fate would be the same, too.

The possibility of a German landing in Eire may occur to some. I have never been able to see the advantage of this step as a move towards the eventual invasion of Britain. It is a step in the wrong direction.

It still leaves the main job to be done. Its only purpose, therefore, would be as a diversion—if German forces from Eire could later attack Western Britain simultaneously with others from the east or south.

Wrong Way

Even then, our reserves would be more powerful and mobile than anything the enemy could get ashore. We could therefore deal first with one, and then with the rest of these divided hostile forces, long before they could lend one another any real help.

If Eire is ever invaded by the Germans, it will probably be with the idea of blocking our sea routes across the Atlantic. As a preliminary to invasion of Britain, it would be a waste of time and strength in the wrong direction.

I believe, then, that, unless we relax our vigilance—and we shall not—the chances of a successful invasion of the country on orthodox lines are all but non-existent.

Surprises?

There may be surprise methods—and surprise replies on our side. Of these, obviously, nothing useful can be said.

Outside of them, only purely political reasons could persuade any sensible military leader in Germany to make the attempt.

If political reasons force Hitler to try invasion, all the better for us and all the worse for him.

History is full of dire lessons on what happens when politics are allowed to control military moves.

TO-MORROW:

Freda Uteley

authority on Far

Eastern affairs,

renders an up-to-date

analysis of the

question—

**What Will Happen
in the Far East?**



THESE MEN are ready to carry out the Premier's words, "We shall fight on the beaches." They are taking up positions during defensive training somewhere on the coast.

Canada To Deport Japanese Who Cannot Prove Legal Entry

Canada's recent decision to register all Japanese residents in the Dominion is expected to go far toward solving controversies over the status of the Japanese in Canada, 92 per cent. of whom reside in British Columbia, says a message from Vancouver.

While Japanese were required to participate in the general registration some months ago, they were not called upon to state whether or not they entered Canada legally. The new registration will determine this point, giving to bona-fide Japanese residents the protection to which they are entitled by law. Those unable to prove legal entry are to be deported.

Kenji Nakauchi, Japanese Consul in Vancouver, welcomed the new registration. He said it was just what he expected from the Canadian authorities. Other Japanese voiced criticism of the Ottawa order exempting all Japanese from serving in Canada's fighting forces.

The new registration order has revived once again one of British Columbia's most important racial, political, and economic controversies caused by the presence of some 22,000 Japanese in the Province, many of them engaging in primary industries or in highly competitive trades.

Right To Vote Denied

At its last session a few weeks ago the British Columbia Legislature reaffirmed its attitude against allowing Japanese to vote in the provincial election. Japanese have repeatedly sought the right to vote and a few years ago sent a deputation to the House of Commons at Ottawa to argue the case.

The Federal authorities recognised that it was primarily an issue for British Columbia to settle, and British Columbia promptly went on record against giving the franchise not only to Japanese but to all Orientals.

"Gentleman's Agreement"

While no Japanese are now entering Canada, the official attitude toward the Japanese has been to avoid scrupulously any acts which constitute a breach with the Tokyo Government, especially in matters affecting immigration.

While Canada arbitrarily refused entry of other Asiatics in recent years, Japanese have been restricted only by a "gentleman's agreement," obviously discriminatory against China in favour of Japan, but dictated by a desire not to offend the Japanese, not so much because of Canada's interest but because of the delicate condition of Anglo-Japanese affairs in the Far East.

Japan has complained, through its Consuls, of unfair treatment politically and economically. Charges in British Columbia have centred about Japanese refusal to co-operate. It is charged that Japanese influence in commerce has frequently led to domination with the result that living standards have deteriorated.

Coolies Built Railways

There are almost as many Chinese in British Columbia as Japanese, but they have constituted less of a problem. They came to Canada from California in search of gold and they came as coolie labour to help in building the Canadian Pacific Railway's coast division. The Japanese first came in the 1890's and settled chiefly in the salmon fishing area off the mouth of the Fraser River. Many of them have sent their earnings home.

In the days before the Canadian Government yielded to the pleas of returned soldiers following the World War and restricted the number of fishing licenses held by Japanese, the Japanese held nearly 50 per cent. of all the commercial fishing licenses.

Some of the Japanese moved inland from the Fraser River, followed the fertile valley and built farms, competing with other settlers. They gained control over the small fruit and berry production and they still hold it in some areas. They did not remain in the rural communities; many of them moved into the towns and entered commercial pursuits.

Vancouver Activities

In Vancouver, Japanese operate more than 100 grocery stores, 20 apartment houses, 45 barber shops, 150 automobile salesrooms, 27 dress-making shops, 24 fish stores, 114 lodging houses, 35 restaurants, and 23 wholesale houses of various kinds. They have also entered many of the professions.

Those in favour of limiting Japanese influence in the Province point to the fact that the Japanese birth rate is far higher than any other racial group in British Columbia. In the five years between 1931 and 1936 the Japanese population increased 16

Rome Comment on War On African Empire

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said a war commentator on the Rome radio to-day.

The commentator added that the British are using a third of a million men in East Africa and they are armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars. In these conditions, the fight presents undoubted advantages to the British.

Beyond Mogadiscio

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—In a sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duca, Degli and Abuzzi.

No change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia is reported in to-day's official communiqué.

R.A.F. Activities

In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren while a South African Air Force squadron continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Burye in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as the result of bombing of military objectives.

Kenya Safer

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Black-out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-morrow. Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast.

Gas-Masks for U.S. Non-Combatants

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Gas-masks for the use of non-combatants in areas under military jurisdiction have been ordered by the United States War Department.

Disclosing this fact to-day, the War Department stated that a "limited quantity" of gas-masks have been ordered.

Of low cost, the masks will be supplied by five manufacturers. No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas-masks is contemplated at present.

Invasion Ports Night Foray Of R.A.F. On Calais & Boulogne

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast to-night.

From the south coast of England, the raid was clearly visible, but a stiff wind in the Straits muffled the sound of the explosions.

Above Calais and Boulogne, great flashes lighted up the sky and scores of searchlights were in action along 20 miles of the French coast.

per cent., even with immigration relatively light.

Japanese Schools Criticised

Another complaint is that many Japanese still compel their children to go to Japanese schools where only Japanese language is spoken and where the tradition of the Japanese Empire is inculcated.

A commission has been appointed to supervise the new registration. Its chairman is Mayor Fred Hume of New Westminster, representing a district in which the Japanese population is particularly heavy.

Other members of the Commission include Prof. H. P. Angus, who was a member of the Rowell-Sirois Commission studying Federal-Provincial relations, and who has been an outspoken advocate of enfranchising Japanese in Canada; Col. McGregor MacIntosh, leader of the Anti-Japanese movement whose charges of illegal entry were a factor in having the commission appointed.

Ruman Envoy To Japan

Change Is Announced SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Mar. 2 (Donel).—The Rumanian Government announced to-day the appointment of Major-General G. Bagulesco, former Military Attaché to the Rumanian Legation in Tokyo, as the new Rumanian Minister to Japan succeeding M. Georges Parnachevici.

Major-General Bagulesco is now the chairman of the Rumania-Japan Society and the President of the Executive Committee of the Association.

Pro-British Agents

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Some 240 people in Rumania who are suspected of working for British interests, have been arrested and placed in a concentration camp near Targu-Jiu, states a Bucharest telegram to the official German agency.

Sixty of the arrests were made in Bucharest, and Greeks, Turks, Armenians and Rumanians are stated to be among those arrested.

Plebiscite

BUCHAREST, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The final result of the plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy will not be known till Thursday, but the voting so far shows almost complete unanimity for the policy, says the Rumanian news agency.

Up to this morning, 110,345 voted approval against 1,655 against. The voting has been without incident.

Alfonso Laid To Rest

Funeral Yesterday SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—The late ex-King Alfonso was buried in the Church of Monserrate at 1 p.m. to-day between the Borgia Popes Calixtus III and Alexander VI.

The final mass for Alfonso was celebrated at 11 a.m. attended by the King and Queen of Italy and the Prince of Piedmont, all dressed in mourning.

Twenty-three of King Victor Emmanuel's Royal Guards in full dress uniform stood at attention around the casket.

Princes' Grief

The services at Monserrate were attended by a small intimate group of members of the family, Alfonso's friends, members of the Latin American diplomatic corps and a special Spanish delegation, as well as representatives of Italian Royalty and the Government.

Don Juan and Don Jaime with tear-stained eyes were present, but both Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice were overcome at the previous ceremony and did not attend the burial services at Monserrate where, it is understood, interment is only temporary pending completion of arrangements for final burial at the Escorial.



"NO RETREAT HERE" — Grim-faced, President Roosevelt delivers inaugural address, pledging to perpetuate democracy and asserting that "We do not retreat."

Chiang Says Seizure Of South Sea Lands Will Menace China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 2 (Central News).—"Japan's invasion of the South Seas will be the greatest menace to China's national existence and security," declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a speech at the first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council yesterday.

"Not only is the South Seas," Generalissimo Chiang emphasised, "a second fatherland for more than 10,000,000 overseas Chinese who dwell and earn their living there, but upon that area hinges China's very existence and security."

Generalissimo Chiang said that in view of her miserable failure in China Japan is trying to make use of the European war to fulfil her dream of conquest, and she has recently been making several moves for a southward expansion.

However, he called upon the nation to realise the fact that Japan's southward advance was only a means to the conquest of China. Japan's real end, and therefore these two phases of Japan's aggression were closely related. His prediction was that before Japan set out on her southward expansion, she would launch another large scale offensive in China.

New Resources

Condemning Japan's "new order" in Greater East Asia, and the "sphere of common prosperity in Greater East Asia," the Generalissimo said that Japan's ambition was to seize the rich resources and wide territories of the South Seas in order to strengthen her brute force of aggression, tighten the blockade of China, weaken China's power of resistance and finally fulfil her dream of the conquest of China and the domination of the Pacific.

Generalissimo Chiang received loud applause when he not only fought to that China should not only fight to end to safeguard her independence and existence but also curb with force Japan's great crimes against the world and the Orient.

The Generalissimo stated that the present marks not only a turning point in the world situation but also the last stage in the Sino-Japanese bitter struggle.

Reuter notes Pressing for insistence on a final victory for China, General Chiang added that national defence must take precedence over everything else.

Questions On Food

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Numerous questions were raised by delegates chiefly concerning recent information on Japan's southward expansion and China's counter-measures.

China's steps to counter the tripartite alliance, the facts behind the Soviet-Japanese negotiations, the aim of Mr Matsuo's Oceania demand, and information regarding Mr Laughlin Currie's visit to Chungking also occupied discussion.

It is learned that Mr Wang Chung-hui agreed to give written replies at a latter session of the Council.

Mr. Wen-ho, Minister of Economic Affairs, also submitted a report on the economic situation. Questions raised by delegates included such questions as what was Government policy regarding the sale of foodstuffs; what was Government's future policy regarding food and trade; had Government any effective measure to stabilise commodity prices since prices differ considerably in different districts; and had Government any plans for the proper distribution of commodities?

Political Parties

It is interesting to note that the Council's Presidium of five includes the leaders of all political groups—the Chiang Kai-shek Government and the Kuomintang; Chang Po-ling, Independent educationalist, Tso Jun-sun, Chinese Youth Party, Chang Chun-mai, Chinese National Socialist, and Miss Wu Yung-fan, Independent woman Educationalist.

With 201 delegates attending the Council Meeting, is the largest attendance in the history of the Council.

German Agent Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP).—The Federal Grand Jury to-day indicted Friedrich-Ernst Auhagen who was charged with failure to register with the State Department as an agent of the German Government. He was taken into custody on the west coast as he was preparing to leave the United States. The Grand Jury said that Auhagen had distributed information and propaganda.



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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments 1940 Activities At Home

Following Friends Through Wisden's Pages

A Peculiar Omission

IT IS A MATTER of considerable satisfaction to me that I have always felt very sorry for the Israelites when they were forced by the Egyptians to make bricks without straw, now that I am in the position of having to write cricket notes without any cricket about which to write.

However, it has occurred to me that many of my readers may be interested in an account of the publication of "The Cricketer" during 1940. To those who have got it I apologize and suggest that they turn the page. But there are a good many others who may be interested.

There is no overlapping between the "Cricketers' Bible"—Wisden, and "The Cricketer." The former is a serious annual which deals in much detail with the cricket of the past season, and is full of statistics of various cricket records.

Paraphrasing I have never been able to discover why T. A. Pearce has never been included therein under "Gleanings and Kent." He is also I believe a member of the M.C.C., and at any rate has played for them as I recall seeing him at Lords in 1937.

There are quite a lot of players who are included for their schools and M.C.C., or schools and Minor Counties, so the omission is even more strange.

The Cricketer on the other hand came out weekly and published also a Spring and an Autumn in about March and November respectively. It had an excellent account of County cricket, of both first class and minor counties, but beyond that it published a very full account of Club games.

Keeping Track

TO PEOPLE out here who used to get a season's Club cricket every four or five years it was invaluable as one could keep track of all one's old cricketers and their doings. There were also a great many interesting articles by authorities on the game, though to my mind, in recent years too much space was given to the pure statistics. There were also some amusing verses from the pen of G. D. Martineau, and an interminable series of reminiscences from "A Country Vicar," who from the amount of cricket he was able to see must have had a very easy parish or a very hard working curate.

I do not recall exactly when the Cricketer—whose Editor is of course Plum Warner—first came out. There had been many attempts at magazines on somewhat



A. Sandberg... Winner of the 2 miles bicycle race at the La Salle College sports on Saturday.—Ming Yuen.

CLOSING DATE FOR TENNIS ENTRIES EXTENDED

Entries for the Colony Grass Court Tennis Championships, which closed officially on Saturday, have been extended to Saturday, March 8 at 6 p.m.

Many entries have been received but the Tait brothers, former holders of the Singles and Doubles titles, have not yet registered.

Tait Yui-pui stated yesterday, that he and his brother had not yet decided whether to take part in the championships.

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SPORTS ADVERT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Rifle Shooting

Week-end Meet Arranged By Middlesex

Under the auspices of the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment, the Hongkong Rifle Association's shoot on Sunday was attended by 124 members.

The weather was calm and damp, and for the first hour the light was bad with a considerable amount of mist hanging low on the hills. However, it became very clear later on, with the result that shooting improved considerably and the wind which had been blowing strongly straight down the range dropped to almost nothing by the end of the morning's shooting.

The prizes were provided by the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment, and at the end of the meeting, the Regiment's Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., presented the prizes.

Results

Following were the successful competitors:

Class "A" Highest Net Score—Lieut. G. J. P. Carey, H.K.R.N.F. 43. 42 85.
Class "B" Highest Net Score—Mr. Pang Shun, H.K.R.N.F. 43. 42 85.
Class "C" Highest Net Score—Lieut. G. J. P. Carey, H.K.R.N.F. 43. 42 85.
Class "D" Highest Net Score—P. C. W. Russell, H.K.R.N.F. 43. 42 85.

Class "E" Highest Net Score—Lieut. G. J. P. Carey, H.K.R.N.F. 43. 42 85.
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Matric Class, winners of the Inter-Class relay at La Salle College sports on Saturday. A. Lopes, Leong Swee-sen, Bernard Pomeroy and A. Mackenzie.—Ming Yuen.

Sportsmen's Names On Roll Of Honour

G. G. Macaulay and R. Shays

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Another grand cricketer, the third in recent weeks, has been killed on active service. He is Pilot-Officer George G. Macaulay, a Yorkshire stalwart for fifteen years.

GREAT LOSS TO TENNIS

Shays Killed In Action

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lawn tennis enthusiasts will learn with regret of the death, on active service in Rhodesia, of Ronald Shays, the British Davis Cup player.

Shays, a sergeant in the R.A.F., was one of the many lawn tennis stars in that service, and he is the latest of a growing list of leading sportsmen who have been given their lives in the present war.

Shays, who joined the R.A.F. after serving for a time as a member of an A.R.P. unit, was just about to complete his training when he was involved in a flying accident.

Sensational Rise
His rise to lawn tennis stardom was almost sensational, but he was one of the enigmas of the game. At times he played like a world-beater, at others like a novice. But when at his best he could make the most difficult shots with the greatest ease.

In May, 1938, he volleyed his way to an unexpected victory against Bernard D'Amoreau in the Davis Cup match with France. He also helped Great Britain to beat New Zealand in the same competition.

Shays, who was 28, was married in June, 1939, to Miss Queenie Harcourt, daughter of a well-known Paris dental surgeon, but the wedding had been kept very secret and was not announced until two months later. A reception was subsequently held in Paris and the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were among the guests.

Home Racing Fixtures For 1941

LONDON.—THE JOCKEY CLUB have abandoned all fixtures arranged for this year. A new fixture list will, however, soon be published, together with the approximate dates of substitute races for the Derby and other classics.

Lord Harewood, the Senior Steward, explained the reason for the cancellation of the 1941 fixtures. The main objection, he said, was the despatch of the 1941 fixtures in racing circles. On the other hand, it would not be to the general advantage to hold racecourse executives to an expensive programme which might be beyond their means to carry out.

New Events

Particulars of new events for the year, closing on Jan. 14, were published in the Racing Calendar.

The substitute races, with added amounts, are: Derby (£2,000 added), St. Leger (£2,500), Oaks (£1,000), Two Thousand Guineas (£1,000), One Thousand Guineas (£700), Gold Cup (value £200, with £2,000 added), St. James's Palace Stakes (£1,000), Craven Stakes (£300), Coventry Stakes (£1,000) and Queen Mary Stakes (£750).

The Racing Calendar also announced that Col. Douglas-Pennant has resigned his membership of the National Hunt Committee. Mr. Collier, who was secretary in the committee for over 30 years, has also resigned.

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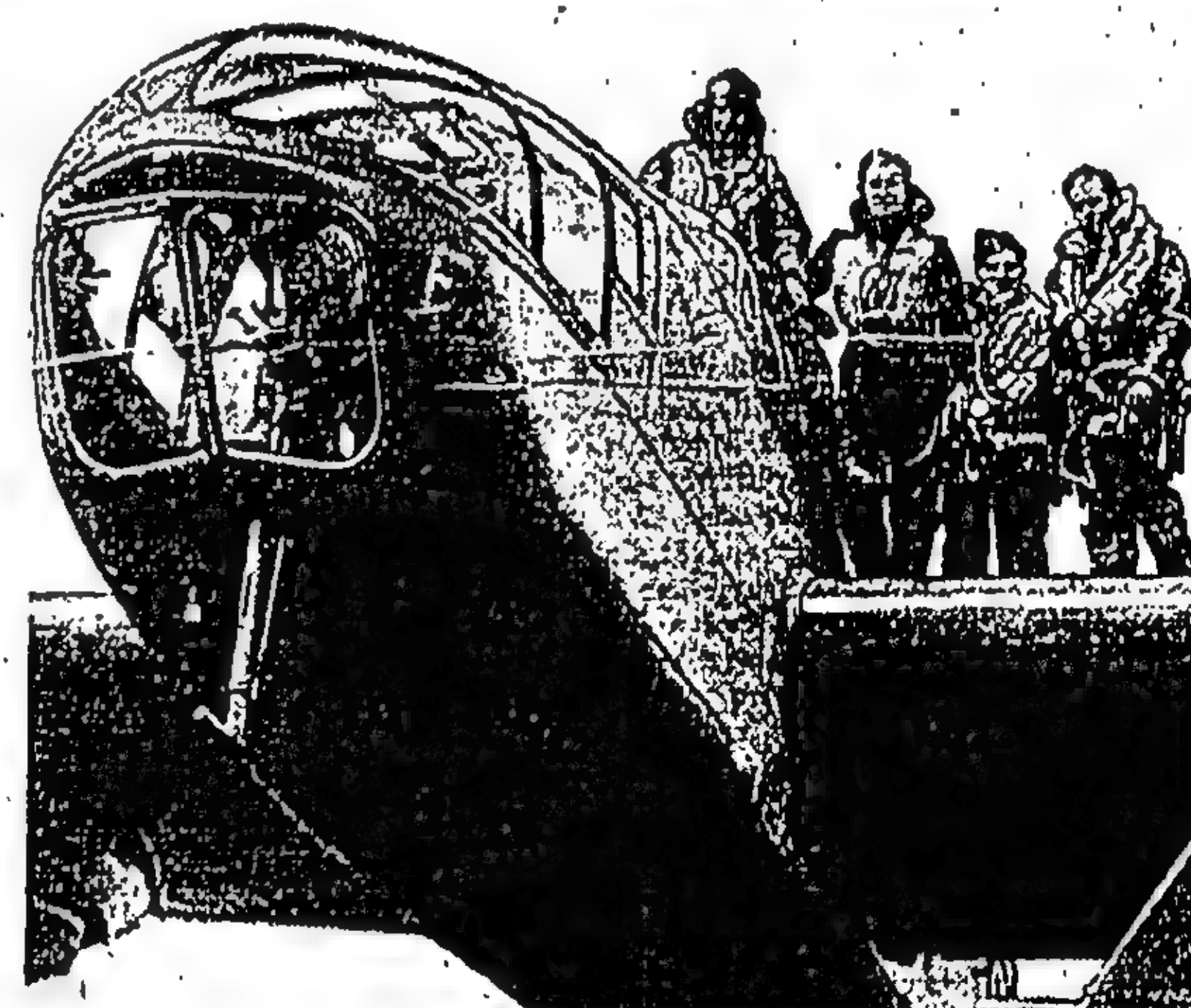
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NANCY



LISTENING IN—Radio picture from London shows Britishers in air-raid shelter listening with rapt intensity to the inaugural address of President Roosevelt. Thousands of other Britishers were reported showing similar interest.

By Ernie Bushmiller

FAR EAST WAR NOT INEVITABLE

Frank Statement by Mr Menzies

LONDON, Mar. 3. Mr Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking to-day said that because Japan had made an agreement with the Axis Powers, Australians should not permit themselves to be driven into an atmosphere in relation to Japan which was at least dubious and might quite frankly be dangerous.

"Do not let us grope around in that kind of fog," he said. "Do not let us become victims of that most pernicious of all habits—the habit of believing that a possible conflict becomes inevitable. I do not believe in the inevitability of conflict. I do believe, except in the case which has come upon us in Europe, that there is no such thing as the inevitability of conflict or any difficulty which is incapable of being resolved by cultivation between nations of the utmost frankness."

"Consequently, we appear to forget we are grown up people and grown up people do not go round the world stroking each other in a gingerly way. If they have any differences of view they ventilate them."

"It is for this reason that in Australia they have established a new tradition by establishing direct diplomatic representation at Tokyo."

"We have aimed and are aiming at getting nearer Japan. We are not aiming at sitting suspiciously in our corner. While this is going on we must be grown up people and be realistic and because we are realistic we have pursued in Australia a policy of local defence which is directed at enabling us to resist with our own forces and attack by any aggressor."

"I have no reason to believe and I have no sort of belief that Pacific Ocean cannot be made in fact pacific if all the peoples who live on its borders will merely be frank and sensible and tolerant and understanding with each other."

Dealing with relations between Australia and America, Mr Menzies said, "We shall never begin to understand the problems of relations between Australia & America if we really assume that the Americans are exactly the same as ourselves."

Americans had their own ideas and their ideas were not necessarily the same as the Australian. Their interests, too, were not necessarily the same as Australian interests. Fear would never control the foreign policy of Australia. The fact that Australia had appointed diplomatic representatives in other countries did not indicate a separatist movement within the British Empire.

"It would be a great blunder if any country thought this was so," declared Mr Menzies.—Reuter.

Charity Concert Arranged

Under the distinguished patronage of His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, a Charity Concert will be given by St John's Hall Orchestra, conducted by Mr J. R. M. Smith, in the Great Hall of the University, on March 8 at 8 p.m.

The proceeds will go to the Chinese Red Cross Society, the Hongkong Food Kitchen and other local charity organisations.

The programme will consist of famous orchestral music by Mozart, Bach, Strauss, etc., while Messrs P. W. Chao, Smith and Pao will render solos.

Tickets, at \$5, \$2 and \$1, are obtainable at the Tsang Fook Piano Company, where bookings may also be made.

MUSIC CLUB MEETING

The sixth general meeting of the Hongkong University Music Club will be held in the Union Assembly Room on Thursday at 8.15 p.m., when the Rev. T. F. Ryan will give a talk on "Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 (Choral) in D Minor." The talk will be illustrated with phonograph records. All interested are welcome.

On March 13, Mr D. J. Sloss will give a talk on Bach, and on April 3, Miss Caroline Braga and Mr A. M. Braga will give a piano recital and talk on "Piano Music Old and New."

Donations To Bomber Fund

A total of \$1,605,402.76 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

P. S. B. Chicken Feed (weekly donation)	\$ 14.85
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Two Shrapnel Box (fourth donation)	64.70
"Rockdene Lairs" (ninth donation)	11
"Harcourt"	100
Treasury "Shrapnel Box" (week ended 12.41)	9.27
The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:	
Miss C. S. Pierce	5
Anonymous	5
Major H. G. Robertson	5
Mr John Fenn	50
Mr H. S. Beech	50
Mr M. F. L. Haymes	25
Mr T. G. Evans	25
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Mr R. S. Harrison	75
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Major C. R. Boxer	50
Miss K. M. Anderson	50
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Miss E. M. H. Buckland	10
Mr Donald Black	25
Miss Norah Stone	25
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Mr W. N. Wainade	30
Mr B. Duncan	30
Mr G. K.	15

President Hayes Aground

Boston, Mar. 3. The new 9,300-ton passenger liner President Hayes ran aground to-day off Cape Cod Canal near Buzzards Bay entrance, while on the start of her maiden voyage to the Orient.

Two constguard cutters have been sent to aid the vessel which is believed to be undamaged. It is not known whether the ship is carrying passengers.—United Press.

New Medal For Bravery At Sea

The Committee of Lloyd's has decided to strike a new medal, "Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea," to be bestowed on officers and men of the merchant navy and fishing fleet for exceptional gallantry at sea in time of war.

The medal will rank with Lloyd's Medal for Saving Life at Sea, which has been aptly called "the V.C. of the Ocean."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: The market was both dull and uninteresting.

Buyers	
Providents \$5.75	
Lights \$6.15	
Sellers	
Trams \$16.75	
Sales	
H.K. Banks \$1,240	
Wharves \$95	
Electricity "O" \$41.50	
Telephones "O" \$24	
Dairy Farms \$18.25	

"Trading" Position Of Weygand

An Associated Press message from New York states that, in discussion with a diplomat who had talked to Gen. Weygand, sent to North Africa by the Vichy Government, it was learned that the general had intentionally placed himself in a "trading" position in Algeria.

His object was that, if the German terms, in his opinion, were too dishonourable, he could "win the military forces in Algeria and possibly Syria, too, in a new direction." This would not, however, be a matter of "joining Gen. de Gaulle's forces."

Republican Party Given Less Funds From Rich Men

A preliminary report of the U. S. Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee discloses that members of the Rockefeller, duPont and Pew families gave \$276,725 to the Republican party in 1940. In 1936, their gifts totalled \$1,104,507.

Despite this drop, other Committee figures show that in one state alone, Pennsylvania, the G.O.P. collected \$1,302,535, and spent \$1,176,802. The Democrats got \$271,275, expended \$266,173.

Republican receipts in Ohio were \$931,214, expenditures \$767,403. Democrats listed \$72,522 and \$172,216.

\$10,000 For The Tornado Planes

Mr Charles Alma Baker, the Perak miner and planter, has, in addition to his previous gifts to help the war effort, now sent £10,000 for the purchase of two Tornado planes.

This brings Mr Alma Baker's total donations to the Royal Air Force to £32,450.

It is understood the Tornados have been chosen because Lord Beaverbrook, the Minister of Aircraft Production, considers these fast planes of great importance at the moment to supplement the wonderful work of the Spitfires.

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Sofia Rumours

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It is further pointed out that it is impossible to dispose of 15 German divisions on the Turkish frontier, where the Bulgarian Army is already concentrated.

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While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles here state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens, which they presume will begin when the Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier.

As yet, only a very small number of German troops have arrived in Sofia.

Bulgaria's Independence Day was celebrated to-day by a large holiday crowd idly strolling through the streets gazing at German staff automobiles and other transport.

New military telephone lines were installed to-day in a building which was taken over by fifth columnists a few weeks ago.

Freezing Holidays In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The State Department has advised the Treasury to "freeze" Bulgarian funds in the United States as the result of the entry of German troops into Bulgaria.

British Advancing In Somaliland

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peaks commanded by Italian artillery and anti-aircraft guns, with British artillery situated on other peaks some miles off.

Despite the fact that the batteries are invisible to each other, the accuracy of the British "shooting" is remarkable.

Savoy Grenadiers

Italy's best forces, including the Savoy Grenadiers, reinforced by extensive artillery, have been encountered in an area which might have been planned by nature as a perfect fortress.

Recently, a party of Highlanders and Sudanese troops were ambushed by the Italians but fought back and drove the Italians up the summit of a neighbouring ridge. There they found that although able to hold the Italians, they themselves were unable to emerge from their positions behind the rocks owing to the withering blasts of fire from Italian machine-gun nests.

British artillery was signalled to and guns were brought up. Later, the British troops, crouching behind the rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

Wonderful Shooting

"It was wonderful shooting," one Highlander said. "Our boys planked the very first shells plumb on the Italians who soon packed up. Some surrendered. The others retreated."

The Sudan defence force throughout the campaign has done brilliant though little publicised work, their fast armoured cars whizzing among and around advanced Italian positions like fast motor-boats, scattering the enemy in all directions.

The whole Eritrean campaign has been an outstanding example of Empire co-operation.

THAI WISH

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sist if Japan uses force. This accounts for the undiminished military preparations in Indo-China. It is believed that Vichy is anxious to avoid war principally for the following reasons:

Fear of Angering Nazis

First, Vichy is afraid of enraging Berlin, thereby straining relations which are not too cordial anyway.

Second, Vichy feels itself helpless and isolated and cannot appeal for assistance from Britain or the United States.

Thirdly, if Indo-China eventually joins General de Gaulle, Vichy will be terribly embarrassed vis-a-vis Berlin and its prestige will be affected as Marshal Petain has repeatedly affirmed Vichy's determination to defend the integrity of the French Empire.

General de Gaulle's statement that concessions wrested from Indo-China by extortion will not be recognized is a clear warning that whatever may happen now, the matter will be different after the Allied victory.

From reports reaching London it is evident that Tokyo tried to justify the ultimatum to Vichy by accusing British and American "intrigues" at obstructing Japan's mediation efforts.

U. S. Exports To Britain

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A "blanket" authority has been issued for export to Britain and Northern Ireland of 138 key war products including aluminium and aircraft parts.

New Influenza Vaccine

A new influenza vaccine, recently developed by the Rockefeller Institute, is being tested on students and faculty members of Kansas University. Administered in a single dose, expected to immunize for five to six months, it produces no reaction.

The Journal of the American Medical Association describes another new flu vaccine, developed by two New York physicians, as "one of the most promising practical leads in research of recent decades." The "purely accidental discovery" followed experiments with ferrets.

La Guardia Speaks On Bad Boys

Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York delved into child psychology in a speech before bus operators recently, and concluded that the boy who breaks school house windows is far more culpable than one who hitches rides on a bus.

He suggested a new design of bus sterns to eliminate any holds which reckless boys might get, so that they could not grab a ride.

The boy picking up a lift does it as a challenge, he said, but the youngster tossing rocks through windows is merely callous.

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WHITEAWAY'S

Major Balkans War Said Likely

Nazis Rush Troops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 3 (UP).—Endless grey columns of German troops are reported to be crossing Bulgaria to-day towards the Macedonian frontier and the opening of a major Balkan war appears likely.

Advanced detachments are reported to be already established on the Bulgarian frontier where they can cross the mountain country into Greece.

Take Over Six Positions

SOFIA, Mar. 3 (UP).—Advance forces of from 12 to 15 divisions of German troops moved across Bulgaria to-day by truck and automobile in order to consolidate at least six positions which the advance guard has already taken over the Greek frontier.

The exact position cannot be ascertained but sources close to the Axis named the rail heads at Kulata, Dara-Djere, Patnaki and Nenavkop. Reports that the Germans had occupied Svilengrad on the Turkish frontier have been denied by these same circles. They pointed out that the Germans do not desire to make any moves at present which might antagonise the Turks.

Bulgaria Celebrates

SOFIA, Mar. 3 (UP).—The influx of German troops was more noticeable to-day with more soldiers and officers on the streets than ever before.

Bulgaria is celebrating the 63rd anniversary of her liberation from TURK to Back Page, Column 3

Washington Views On Indo-China

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—France having given in to Japan regarding the Indo-China-Thai dispute, it remains to be seen what Japan will do as a result and how strongly she intends to establish herself in Indo-China, state observers in Washington.

However much Thailand gets from the French surrender, Japan is expected to take as much or more in French concessions, but whether Japan will then move southward is still a matter of much speculation here.

British intention to resist in that event is certain and it is learned on good authority that the Netherlands East Indies, if attacked, will formally declare war.

This is regarded as important inasmuch as the East Indies are known to have a first-class air force running to hundreds of miles of American planes, all regarded of superior performance to anything that Japan has.

Japanese Manoeuvres In The Bias Bay Area

Japanese military manoeuvres in Bias Bay have been gaining added momentum recently, and according to one very reliable source, the Japanese are now constructing a landing base at Kauchungmel, where already a pier has been built and a wireless station installed.

The transfer of crack Japanese troops from southern Formosa to the Bias Bay area has been in progress for some time past and is continuing. Twelve divisions of Japanese troops are reported to have been sent to Formosa from China fronts recently.

The forces now being landed in the Tamsui area are said to be well equipped. Heavy field artillery has also been landed.

Shumchun has been cleared of Japanese military and pro-Japanese Chinese police are now in control at the border.

It is reported that the Japanese are hastening the construction of a road from Bias Bay to Nantau, while another main highway is being completed from Tamsui towards Wai-chow.

GERMANY ASKS YUGO-SLAVIA TO JOIN THE AXIS UNION

Gift Of Salonika Held Out As Bait

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (UP).—According to circles close to the Axis Powers, Germany is appealing to Yugo-Slavia to declare herself unequivocally in favour of the Axis.

Germany is pointing out to Yugo-Slavia that this action will not only guarantee her territorial status, but she might also receive Salonika as a reward.

High Yugo-Slav sources declare that there was a possibility that Yugo-Slavia would join the Axis, but decision was a matter of weeks, not just a matter of days.

British in Salonika?

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—Signor Gayda, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" charges Britain with making landings at Salonika and with many other overt Mediterranean moves. He declared that Bulgaria's non-aggression accords with Yugo-Slavia and Turkey would remain unaffected by the German movements in the Balkans.

Yugo-Slavia Next Victim?

BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The Senior Regent, Prince Paul, this morning received Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, at the former's estate at Broo, in Slovenia, near the point at which the Yugo-Slav, Austrian and Italian frontiers meet.

This is learned in usually reliable quarters and it has been confirmed TURK to Back Page, Column 5

ALBANIA

Italians Fail To Make Headway

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The Greeks continue to hurl back the Italians and on Saturday they repelled two heavy Italian attacks, states the Athens radio quoting the Greek Press Ministry.

The first attack at sunset failed despite strong artillery preparation and the Greeks, firing from 5,000 feet heights, stopped the Italian advance.

The second attack was made after dark and met with a like fate plus great losses.

Beret Raided

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The R.A.F. heavily attacked the Albanian aerodrome of Beret on Sunday, according to a communiqué issued here to-day.

Direct hits were obtained on hangars and buildings which started extensive fires visible over 60 miles away.

LATEST

New Entertainment Taxes Proposed

When the Legislative Council meets on Thursday of this week, the Financial Secretary will move a resolution for an increase in entertainment taxes as from April 1.

He will move that as from that date where the amount of payment for admission, including the amount of the duty does not exceed four cents it shall be duty free.

Payment exceeding four cents but not exceeding 10 cents will carry a duty of one cent; exceeding 10 cents but not exceeding 20 cents, duty will be two cents; exceeding 20 cents but not exceeding 35 cents, duty will be five cents; exceeding 35 cents but not exceeding 60 cents, duty will be 10 cents; exceeding 60 cents but not exceeding \$1, duty 20 cents; exceeding \$1 but not exceeding \$1.40, duty 30 cents; exceeding \$1.40 but not exceeding \$2, duty 40 cents; exceeding \$2, duty 50 cents; exceeding \$3 but not exceeding \$4, duty 70 cents; exceeding \$4 but not exceeding \$5, duty \$1; exceeding \$5, duty will be \$1.30 for the first \$5, and 30 cents for each additional dollar or part thereof.

C.N.A.C. Plane Found

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (UP).—The C.N.A.C., to-day revealed that the Douglas DC-2 plane which was lost on February 12 while enroute to Chungking from Hongkong on a special chartered trip, was found yesterday at Taoshien in the southwestern corner of Hunan.

The plane crashed into a mountain and was entirely destroyed. It is feared that all four of the occupants were killed.

Soviet Hint To Bulgaria

Nazi Occupation Resented

MOSCOW, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The Moscow radio announced to-night that the Soviet Foreign Office had informed the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow to-day that the Soviet Government considered the entry of German troops into Bulgaria tends towards an extension of the war to the Balkans and that it could not support the attitude of the Bulgarian Government.

Full Text

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The full text of the statement regarding the Soviet Government's attitude on Bulgaria's adherence to the Tripartite Pact is as follows:

"On March 1 a representative of the Bulgarian Foreign Office informed the official representative of the Soviet Government in Bulgaria that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria for the purpose of consolidating peace in the Balkans."

"On March 3, the Deputy People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Litvinov, replied as follows to the Bulgarian Minister in Moscow, M. Stamenov:

"In reply to the communication of March 1 to the effect that the Bulgarian Government had agreed to the entry of German troops into Bulgaria, the Soviet Government has the following to say:

"MR RENDELL IN ATHENS, REPORT"

BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (UP).—According to the "Veleskiher Beobachter," M. Rendell, the British Minister to Sofia, left Bulgaria to-day "probably to meet Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill in Athens."

Turkey To Wait Behind Her Defences For Nazis To Move

Special to the "Telegraph"

ANKARA, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that three new classes have been called to the colours in Turkey, but that three others have been demobilised.

An unconfirmed report says that British bombers have been sent to Varne and Rustchuk.

It is denied that the Dardanelles have been mined and closed, although Turkish pilots are required on all vessels passing through.

Semi-official quarters consider that Bulgaria is now only a German "province" and that the Turko-Bulgarian pact does not apply to a German attack on Greece. As soon as the positions are consolidated Turkish troops will remain on the defensive behind their frontiers, since military experts are convinced that that is the only chance for a successful campaign.

Informal quarters believe that Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill arranged to set up British air and land bases, and for British warships to pass through the Dardanelles if the Germans attack Greece.

Salonika Raid Alarm

SALONIKA, Mar. 3 (UP).—The air raid alarm was sounded at 11 a.m. on Sunday and the air clear at 11.22 a.m. No foreign planes appeared.

Turkish Vigilance

ISTANBUL, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis Pact remains the chief topic in the newspapers here. "Yatan" describes it as a "prelude to aggression in the Balkans" and adds that Turkey must redouble her vigilance.

"Tan" emphasises that Bulgaria's signature to the Pact was secured by TURK to Back Page, Column 3

Japanese & French In Hotel Brawl

Saigon Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, March 3 (Domei).—Four Japanese members of the Japan Airways Company office here were injured in a hotel dining-room brawl last night with French Army officers.

The incident occurred when the Japanese who were staying at the Saigon Palace Hotel, rose to protest against the derogatory remarks made by five French officers at the next table in the dining room.

Instantly one of the French officers attacked the Japanese and others soon joined in and locked up two Japanese in a "separate room," while the two remaining Japanese were beaten up by ten French soldiers who had

been in the brawl.

Mr. Fujio Minoda, Japanese Consul-General, lodged a strong protest with the Government-General of Cochinchina regarding the incident and also other recent indignities inflicted by French soldiers upon the Japanese.

NEW HOPES FOR REVIVAL OF SPANISH MONARCHY

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—The burial of ex-King Alfonso was the greatest funeral ever accorded a King in exile and is regarded in Spanish monarchist circles as having furthered the cause of the Spanish Royal family through the pretender, Don Juan.

Although he lived in exile for many years, and recently handed over his claims to the throne nevertheless, Alfonso received the homage of the heads of States and Ambassadors in virtually every country in the world, including the United States Ambassador, Mr. William Phillips.

General Franco himself sent a yellow and red wreath, while Mussolini and Hitler, as well as the Pope and kings generally sent floral tributes, focussing world attention on the Spanish Royal claims which had almost been forgotten.

To-night, Don Juan stands as the sole pretender to the throne and is in a stronger position than his exiled father was, who many Spanish monarchists felt compromised himself through the constitution.

Enemy Aircraft Losses

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Over 370 planes were lost by the enemy in the Middle East during February compared with the British losses of 26 machines.

The official return shows that in this war zone, 120 enemy machines were shot down and over 250 destroyed on the ground or captured.

During the same month, the total of German planes lost over Britain since the war began was brought to 3,123 by destruction—a further 36 machines.

Of these, 12 were brought down at night, eight by A.A. fire.

British losses were five planes, making a war total of 853.

British losses over Germany and occupied territory in February were 49 against 11 Germans.

Up to February 28, British losses under this heading totalled 445.

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The Minister of Labour announces that provisional figures of men aged 19 who registered on February 22 totalled 267,361, comprising England, 222,732; Scotland, 29,339; and Wales, 15,291.

U.S. Navy In Own Waters Can Defeat The Japanese

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP).—Senator David Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee told the Senate to-day that it is the opinion of naval experts that the United States fleet could defeat Japan in American waters, but that any engagement in Japanese waters might be "suicidal."

The Senator spoke against the Lend and Lease Bill and said the United States Navy could defeat any Power that attempted an invasion on the American continent, but any expedition to foreign waters would be an "up-hill battle and hazardous. The same would be true of the Atlantic."

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Japanese Find Something To Admire

TOKYO, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A "Miyako" commentator on February 27 asks: "How is England, who has lost on the Continent, and who faces an avalanche of German armies, able to stand firm in this way? We know that the lofty spiritual fortitude of the British people and their strength is derived from calmness in adversity, but apart from that the British Parliament, which prides itself on being the fountain head of liberalism, voted plenary powers for war-time mobilisation within 30 minutes as soon as the country was faced by danger and vested the Premier with plenary powers. We cannot but bow with respect before this wise and enlightened resolution—do we not perceive here the exalted spirit of the British people who are willing to sacrifice their last possession if it will be of service to their country?"

New Medal For Bravery At Sea

The Committee of Lloyd's has decided to strike a new medal. "Lloyd's War Medal for Bravery at Sea," to be bestowed on officers and men of the merchant navy and fishing fleet for exceptional gallantry at sea in time of war. The medal will rank with Lloyd's Medal for Saving Life at Sea, which has been aptly called "the V.C. of the Ocean."

President Hayes Aground

Boston, Mar. 3. The new 9,300-ton passenger liner President Hayes ran aground to-day off Cape Cod Canal, near Buzzards Bay entrance, while on the start of her maiden voyage to the Orient. Two coasts guard cutters have been sent to aid the vessel which is believed to be undamaged. It is not known whether the ship is carrying passengers.—United Press.

Lee Ya-ching Joins New Flight

A group of women flyers of many nationalities are on their way to Miami and thence a national tour enlisting privately-owned planes for humanitarian use in war areas. One of the pilots on the flight is Lee Ya-ching, China's ranking woman aviator.



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RAIDS ON BRITAIN

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—One enemy fighter was shot down by R.A.F. fighters off the Kent coast this afternoon during "slight enemy activity over this country during daylight," according to an official communiqué.

A bomb was dropped on one town in Kent. One person was killed and a few people were injured. One British fighter is missing. The enemy were to-day over a South Wales town and over East Anglia.

London had an alert to-night.

Morning Raids
LONDON, Mar. 3 (UP).—There was desultory gunfire several times this morning as single raiders flew over London districts. Several bombs were heard to drop in one district after which the raider flew off and the anti-aircraft guns quieted down.

SOVIET HINT TO BULGARIA

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Bulgaria and that this action had the purpose of preserving peace in the Balkans, the Soviet Government deem it necessary to say:

Extension of War
(1) The Soviet Government cannot share the view of the Bulgarian Government as to the correctness of her attitude in this question at this attitude, regardless of whether the Bulgarian Government wishes it, leads not to consolidation of peace but to further extension of the sphere of war and the involvement of Bulgaria in war.

(2) The Soviet Government, true to its peace policy, is not in position to render any support whatever to the Bulgarian Government in the execution of her present policy.

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While military experts consider that five divisions are enough to cover the Greek frontier, Greek diplomatic circles here state that there is no news yet of any German diplomatic pressure on Athens, which they presume will begin when the Nazi divisions arrive on the Greek frontier.

As yet, only a very small number of German troops have arrived in Sofia.

Bulgaria's Independence Day was celebrated to-day by a large holiday crowd, idly strolling through the streets gazing at German staff automobiles and other transport.

New military telephone lines were installed in a building which was taken over by fifth columnists a few weeks ago.

Freezing Holdings in U.S.
WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The State Department has advised the Treasury to "freeze" Bulgarian funds in the United States as the result of the entry of German troops into Bulgaria.

Losses and Thefts

Mr. A. Bone of No. 16 Hillwood Road reported to the Police yesterday that his Morris motor car, No. 3816, was stolen from outside his house. Avenue R. F. Luz of No. 2 Peace Avenue, Kowloon, reported to the Police yesterday that clothing and money valued at \$94 had been stolen from her premises.

Mr. W. E. Orchard of the Hongkong Electric Company, Gloucester Arcade, yesterday took \$27 to the Central Police Station after having found the money in his office.

Gas-Masks for U.S. Non-Combatants

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Gas-masks for the use of non-combatants in areas under military jurisdiction have been ordered by the United States War Department.

Disclosing this fact to-day, the War Department stated that a "limited quantity" of gas-masks have been ordered.

Of low cost, the masks will be supplied by five manufacturers.

No further extension of facilities for the manufacture of gas-masks in contemplated at present.



Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	430
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	10 1/2
T.T. India	8 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/10 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s France	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

COL DONOVAN IN LONDON

Military Observer

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Colonel W. J. Donovan, the unofficial European observer for President Roosevelt, arrived in London from Lisbon to-day.

He was in London in August and again in December, and during the intervening periods has visited nearly a dozen capitals.

Colonel Donovan declined to say anything as to the object of his new visit to London or his recent visits to European capitals, but said that he did not expect to be here more than a week.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,340 b. @ 50
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	73 n.
Chartered	7 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 n.
Mercantile, C.	11 1/2 n.
East Asia	70 b.

INSURANCES	
Canons	215 n.
Union	412 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	170 n.
H.K. Fire	170 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	135 n.
Steamboats	9 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	100 n.
Shell (Bearers)	43 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 n.

DOCKS	
Wharves	95 sa.
Docks (old)	17,000 n.
Docks (new)	17 n.
Providents	53 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards	20 1/2 n.

MINING	
Kallan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs	0 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 n.

LANDS	
Hotel	3.30 n.
Lands x d.	32 1/2 n.
Lands 4 d.	87 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	11.70 n.
Humphreys	6.80 n.
H.K. Realities	3.20 n.
Chinese Estates x d.	58 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams x d.	10 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (old)	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new)	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	54 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	6.11 b.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (old)	41 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new)	41 1/2 n.
Macao Electric (New)	16 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	12 n.
Telephones (old)	24 sa.
Telephones (new)	0 sa.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald Macg. (Ord.)	\$4.30 n.
Cald Macg. (Pref.)	\$4.25 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cements	10.00 n.
H.K. Ropes	8 1/2 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms	10 1/2 n.
Watsons	10 1/2 n.
Lane Crawfords	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	30 n.
Powell Ltd.	1.00 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	40 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	200 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2	97 sa.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1934)	95 sa.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 (1940)	94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GBds.	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments	7 n.
Constructions (old)	1.00 n.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/0 n.

Soldier Pays Compensation

Pte R. Deamer of the 1st Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy to-day for driving a military truck without due care and caution in May Road near Abernethy Court and was convicted, after evidence had been heard.

Pte Deamer's defence was that the defendant was driving the lorry from east to west and when rounding a slight left hand bend he drove too close to the left hand side of the Road and collided with a Chinese woman.

Defendant was ordered to pay the woman \$25 compensation.

Home Soccer And Rugby Results

LONDON, Mar. 1 (Reuter).—The following were the results of Home soccer and rugby over the week-end:

Football	
First Round	
Cardiff	0 Swansea
Doncaster	0 Grimsby
Leeds	0 Halifax
Middlesbrough	0 Huddersfield

Second Round	
(South)	
Aldershot	2 Queen's P.R.
Brentford	0 Chelsea
Cardiff	0 Leicester
West Brom	1 Manchester

(North)	
Bolton	0 Preston N.E.
Sheff. Wed.	1 Sheff. U.
Sheff. U.	0 Blackburn
Sheff. Wed.	0 Newcastle
Tranmere	0 New Brighton

SCOTTISH CUP	
First Round	
Airdrie	0 Celtic
Motherwell	3 Partick
Morton	1 Hamilton
Partick	4 Albion
Rangers	4 Falkirk
Third Lanark	4 Dumbarton
Thistle	2 Hibernian
Hearts	3 Queen's Park

NORTH REGIONAL	
Barnsley	1 Sheff. W.
Blackpool	0 Chester
Bradford	4 Lincoln
Bury	1 Liverpool
Chesham	1 Manchester U.
Oldham	2 Burnley
Rotherham	1 Darnley

LONDON	
Fulham	1 Crystal Pal.
Clapton	0 Millwall
Bournemouth	0 Southampton
Brighton	0 Portsmouth
Luton	2 Birmingham
Slough	1 Walsall

Rugby LEAGUE	
Dewsbury	4 Bradford
Featherston	10 Castleford
Huddersfield	10 Huddersfield
Hunslet	9 Hull
Keighley	3 Leeds

UNION	
Guy's Hosp.	0 St. Mary's Hosp.
Old Paulines	0 Met. Police
Roselyn Park	8 Wasps
Aldershot	0 Anti-Aircraft
Cambridge U.	10 Oxford U.
Gloucester	19 Army XV
Northampton	17 Market
Harborough	0

Saturday's Fixtures

LONDON, Mar. 2 (Reuter).—The following are the fixtures for this Saturday, March 2:

WAR CUP	
Second Round	
(South)	
Arsenal v. Watford; Chelsea v. Brentford; Leicester v. Notts F.C.; Mansfield v. Tottenham; Northampton v. Tottenham; Queen's P.R. v. Aldershot; Reading v. Cardiff; West Ham v. Southampton.	

(North)	
Barnsley v. Grimsby; Blackburn v. Manchester C.; Middlesbrough v. Leeds; New Brighton v. Tranmere; Newcastle v. York; Preston N.E. v. Bolton; Sheff. U. v. Hull; Southport v. Everton.	

League, South	
Brighton v. Southampton; Portsmouth v. Luton.	

SOUTH REGIONAL	
Crystal Pal. v. Millwall; Walsall v. Stoke.	

NORTH REGIONAL	
Bradford C. v. Bradford; Burnley v. Oldham; Chester v. Blackpool; Crewe v. Rochdale; Liverpool v. Wrexham; Manchester v. Bolton; Stockport v. Chester.	

SCOTTISH CUP	
Celtic v. Aberdeen; Partick v. Airdrie; Morton v. Albion; Hamilton v. St. Mirren; Falkirk v. Third Lanark; Dumbarton v. Glasgow Rangers; Hibernian v. Hearts; Park v. Clyde.	

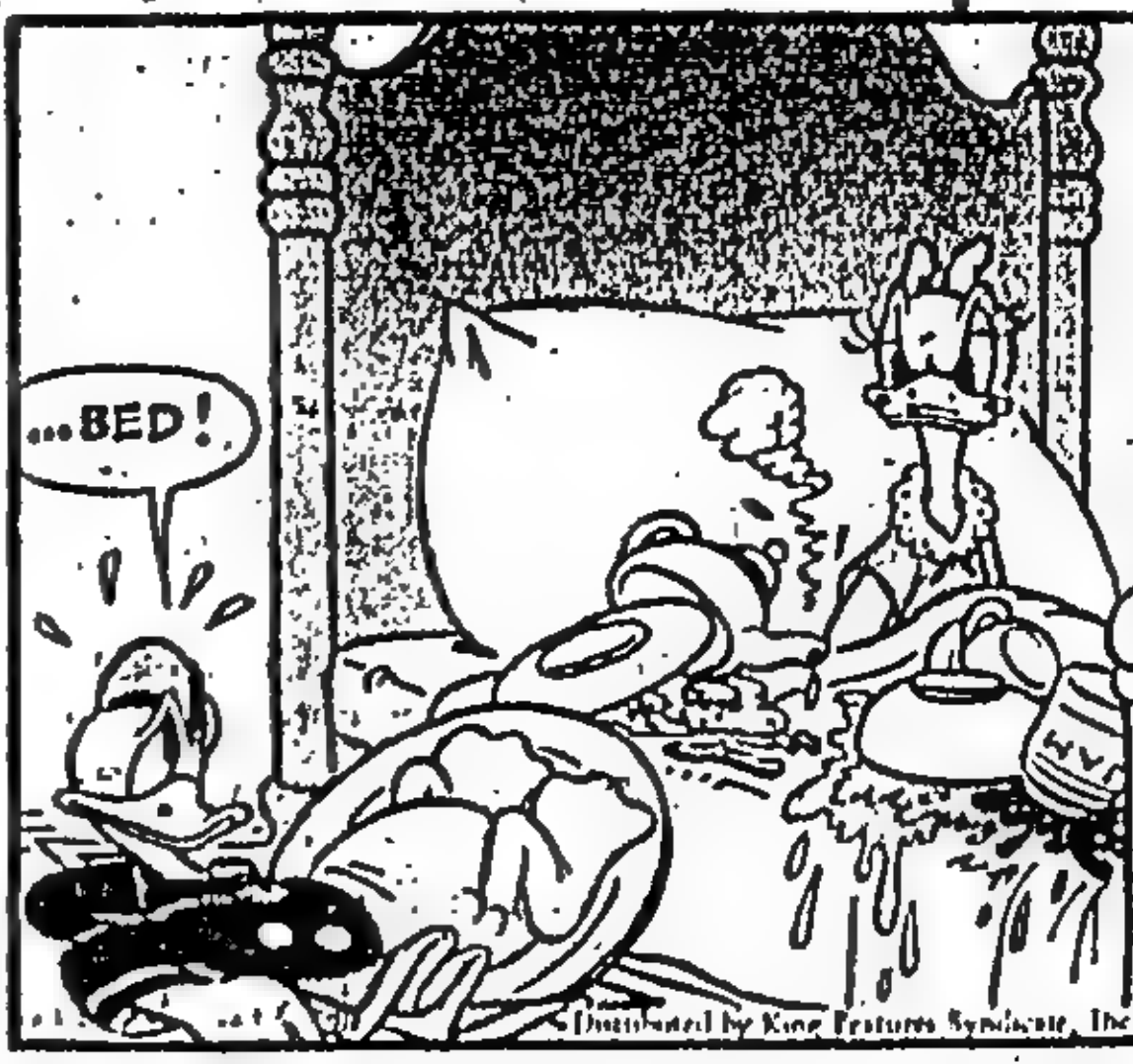
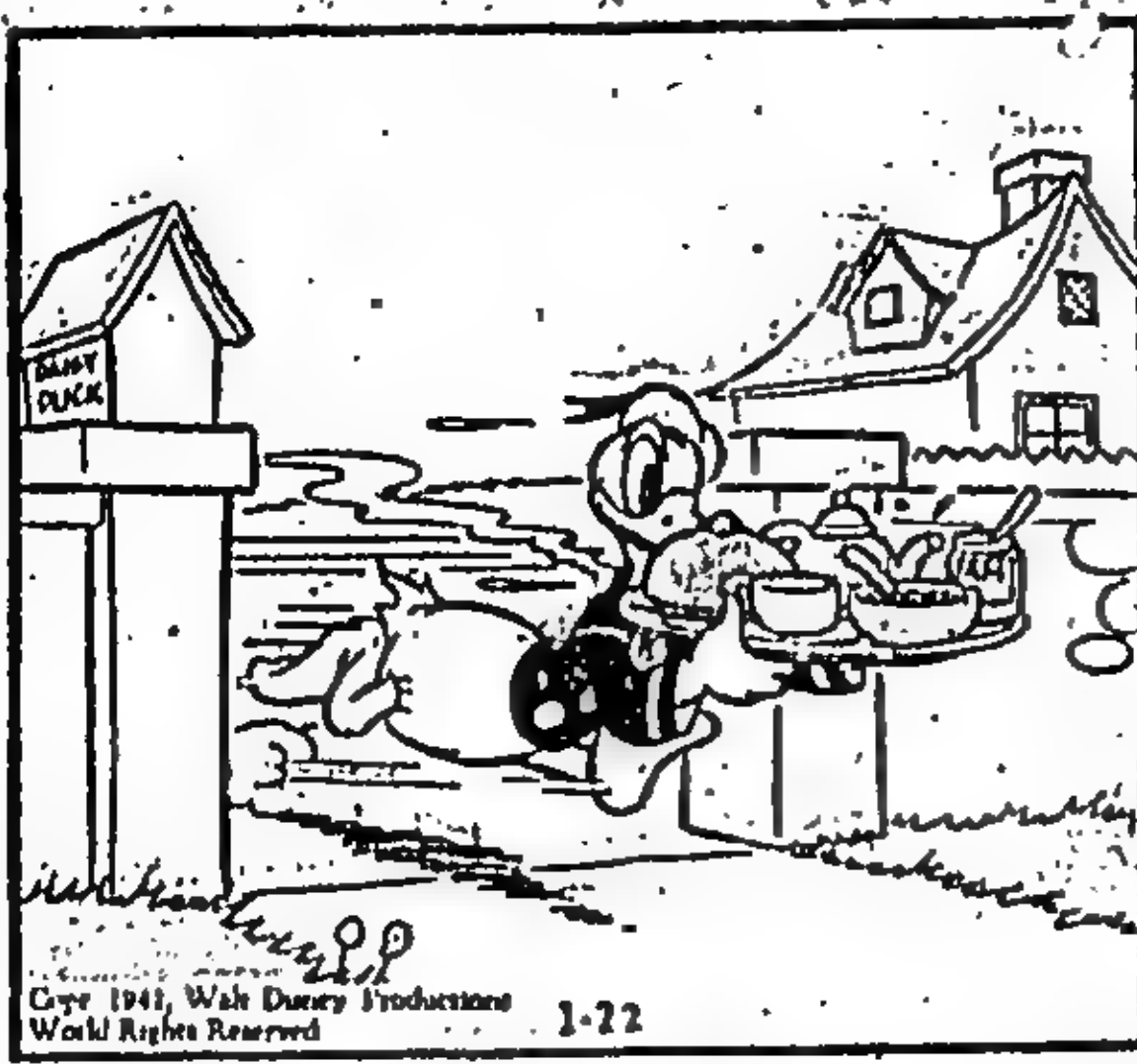
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A total of \$1,595,402.76 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd. with the following donations:

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Wayfong "Crabs"	100
"Rockdene Lian" (high donation)	64.70
Texas Shrapnel Box (fourth donation)	47.00
"Hiscocks" Shrapnel Box (week)	13.41
The following monthly donations to the War Fund were also received yesterday:	

Texaco Shrapnel Box (fourth donation)	0
"Rockdene Liars" (ninth donation)	1
"Hascossay"	10
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Table land

2—Road garment

3—Garden fabric

4—Head

5—Anglo-Saxon money

6—Clive fort

7—City in France

8—Celtic sea god

9—Have dinner

10—Writing fluid

11—Requires in money

12—Tall islandhood

13—Duties: afflicted by

14—Alexander of weight

15—Treaty

16—Jinx: oil

17—One with leprosy

18—Roach gardenia

19—Contradictory

20—English title

21—Fideler

22—Dirt

23—Openwork fabric

24—Dilbert poem

25—Foot

26—End

27—Abounds

28—Form of matter

29—Tension point

30—Metal-bearing rock

31—Transported

32—Whirl two

DOWN

1—Servant

2—Make evident

3—Aline

4—Beverage

5—Punctuation mark

6—Metric measure

7—In part

8—Color

9—Man's name

10—Hold arms of

11—Lard

12—Crown

13—Born of joint

14—Cloth for wound

15—Standard score

16—Snake

17—Heavenly bodies

18—Conductors sticks

19—Lining thing

20—Slip by

21—Of names

22—Greek letter

23—Cover Alcees

24—Greek lake

25—High wind

26—Island (plural)

27—Reputation (plural)



The Troops in the Desert: Their Daily Life

By JOHN YINDRICH

United Press Staff Correspondent

Flies, boredom, and heat are the biggest enemies of British troops in Egypt.

Newly-drafted troops quickly get acclimatized to the peculiar local conditions whilst undergoing training for highly mobile desert warfare, in which patrols roam the desert waste in armoured cars and infantry ride in trucks seeking Italians with whom to do battle.

An average trooper, who often sleeps in the open air, is generally awakened soon after 6 a.m. by the flies which swarm around as soon as the sun warms the night-cooled desert. After washing in a canvas bucket with water which is specially brought in water

carts, the trooper dons khaki shirts, shorts and gym shoes, which are necessary for the desert, where the temperature is often over 106 Fahrenheit.

Al Fresco Breakfast

Breakfast in the open air at eight consists of tinned fish, tea, bread, marmalade, and perhaps butter, plus any luxury which friends may have sent. This is the menu for troops in advanced position; if they are farther back they get eggs and bacon. Sometimes it is possible to buy eggs hundreds of miles from anywhere from some wandering Bedouin who pops up out of the ground with the skirt of his grubby, night-gown-like costume, filled with tiny eggs of mysterious origin.

Out in the blue the units are small and highly mechanised, for which reason troopers are liable to be called on to do any job. The morning is often spent overhauling tanks, filled with tiny eggs of mysterious origin.

Keeping dapper in the desert—a very impromptu barber's shop for British troops.

no operation is planned, or digging slit trenches to dive into when the whistle shrills that means the approach of enemy planes.

As the morning wears, as the sun beats down hotter and hotter until lunch-time, when one eats bully beef, bread, tea, and special dessert amid hordes of flies.

The appearance of flies anywhere in the desert within five minutes of the presence of a human being is one of the major mysteries of Egypt.

BBC News

In the afternoon, the trooper plays cards, usually Pontoon, until tea, which consists of bread and jam, and perhaps, butter. After tea, he listens in to the BBC news, writes a letter home, or, for the fifteenth time, rereads the last one he got.

Supper consists of bread, tinned meat or fish and tinned fruit, and is eaten under canvas by the light of spluttering paraffin lamps, although some units have electric light.

The BBC is the main source of evening entertainment, but lucky units have a dart-board. Yarns are swapped and experiences exchanged until they are so old they are bewhiskered. Sometimes someone drops in after a sixty-mile trek across the desert after a breakdown, and tells what it feels like to be lost in the desert.

Unlucky Brigadier

Everyone is in bed early, but sometimes the whistle sounds through the pitch black night, and everyone rushes barefooted across the stony desert to the nearest trench. At one place, which shall be nameless, half a unit jumped into a trench on top of a Brigadier whom they failed to see in the dark.

When an operation is under way the scene changes. Tanks and armoured cars rattle off into the darkness. Infantry silently climbs into trucks and, with the mobile artillery, follow to the destination somewhere behind or near the Italian positions. The mobile column arrives at the selected spot just before dawn, and lies doggo until nightfall while the mobile observation post keeps watch for Italian movements and Italian planes.

After nightfall the guns open up and the tanks and armoured cars rush in with machine-guns blazing, followed by the infantry who capture as many prisoners and documents as possible, spike the guns, blow up ammunition dumps, cut telephone lines, shoot all who show resistance, destroy trucks or drive them away.

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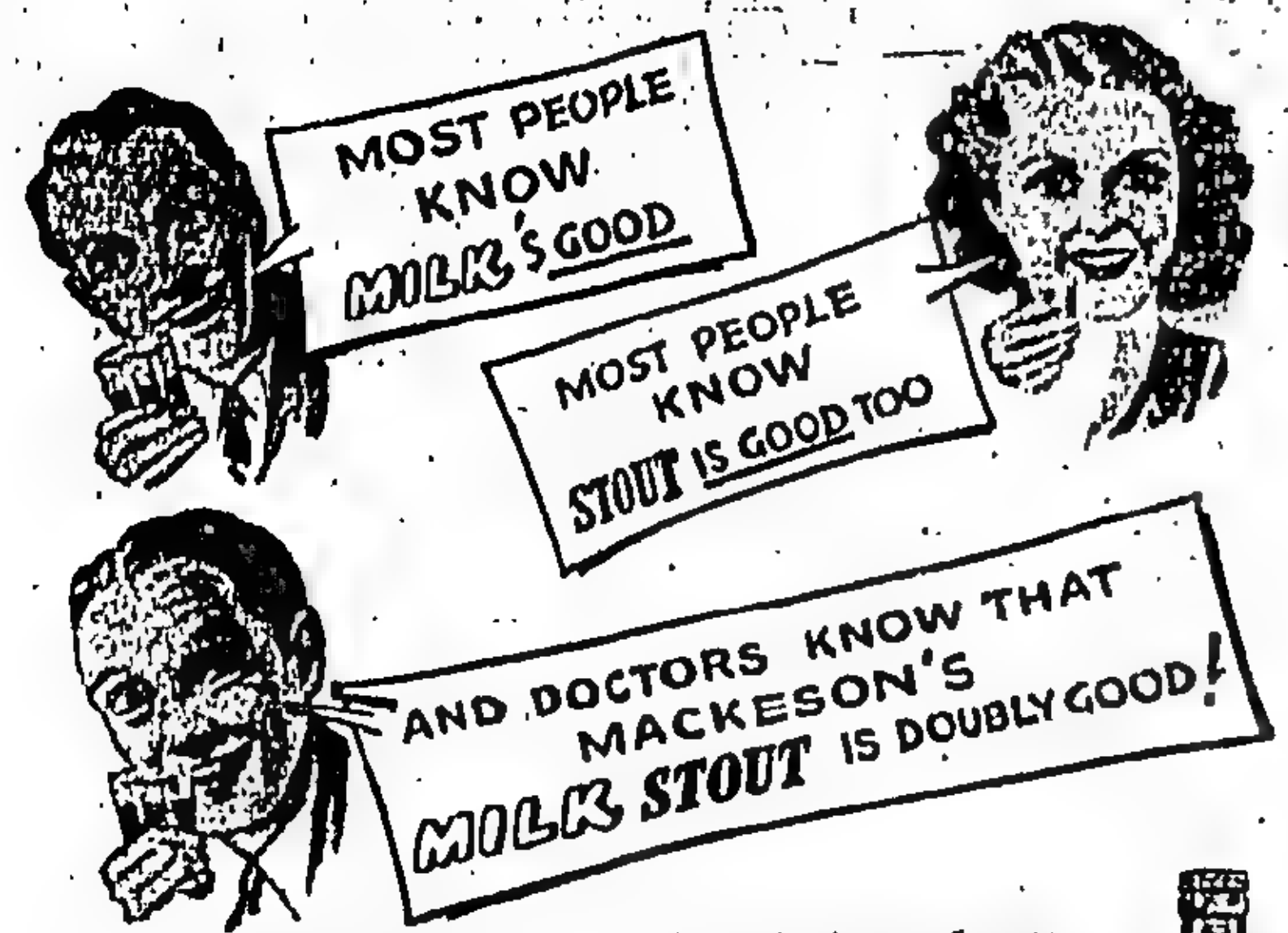
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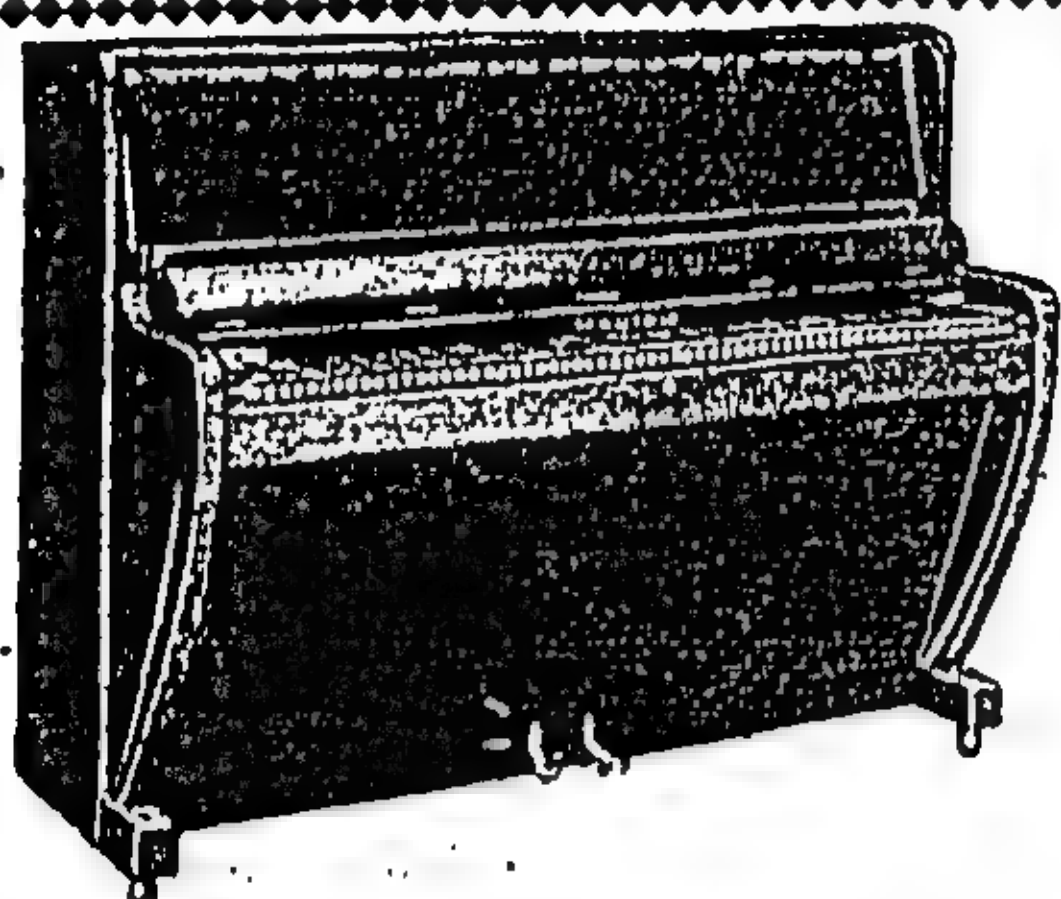
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REPRISAL RAIDS

THE daily reports of the German High Command are always cunningly worded; they are, in fact, an important part of Nazi propaganda. This is well illustrated in their manner of recording large-scale air raids on Britain.

For example, the Nazis announce that a recent night attack on Cardiff was in retaliation for a British raid on Bremen. The implication is that if Bremen had not been attacked, Cardiff would not have been visited by the German bombers. By this stratagem it is hoped to arouse defeatism or peace-mindedness in the stricken British towns. Goebbels imagines that their inhabitants will exclaim, "If the R.A.F. had only stopped at home, this would not have happened."

Actually, nowhere is the desire to see Germany paid back in her own coin stronger than it is in the cities that have suffered most from Nazi frightfulness. These cities know that even if the R.A.F. never crossed the frontiers of the Reich, the enemy bombers would still do their best to wreak blind destruction on British towns.

This is the weapon with which Hitler hoped to crush British morale. He must see by now that, like his other calculations concerning Britain, it is quite mistaken; but the ruthless use of the Luftwaffe will probably continue until the problem of the night bomber has been solved. When Hitler adopts the pose that his so-called reprisal raids are a distasteful and unavoidable necessity he deceives no one, not even himself, for no barbarity or inhumanity is distasteful to the Chief Hun.

Free French In Tahiti

Free French headquarters in Sydney have announced plans to form a well-equipped military force of 3,000 Free Frenchmen in New Caledonia and Tahiti to carry on the war against Germany and Italy.

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RIDDLES OF 1941

Will Hitler Invade Britain?

By

Major E. W. Sheppard,

famous writer on Army affairs, and Military
Correspondent for the "Daily Herald," London

THE great military question of the moment is "Can Germany invade Britain?" If I were asked for an answer in one word, it would be No.

Let me expand and qualify that view.

It does not mean that Germany cannot land troops in Britain. That is possible, though improbable.

And it does not necessarily mean that she may not try to land troops in the Old Country. Perhaps she will be forced by political circumstances to attempt the project at which Napoleon balked.

It means that in my opinion, expressed definitely and unhesitatingly, Germany cannot conquer Britain by means of an invasion.

Here are my reasons.

If Hitler had thought an invasion could succeed, he would have tried it months ago. If ever he had a chance of bringing it off at all, he had one last summer.

He missed that chance. He will never get so good a one again.

No Chance

Undoubtedly, he meant to invade us last autumn. But when the time came to launch the attack, he found himself faced with an impossible task—and he abandoned it.

His fleet was too weak to cover the passage of his invading army. His air force was blown out of the sky by the R.A.F. and could not cover his army, either.

If he had persisted, the German soldiers would have had to attempt the invasion alone and uncovered. And what a fearful task lies before any army up against that!

It has to set forth upon tricky waters notorious for the vagaries of their winds and tides.

It has to face the hidden perils of mine and submarine.

Risks They Run

It has to expose itself to the attack of surface craft—against which it could not defend itself.

And it has to lay itself open, while embarking, crossing and approaching the further shore, to incessant bombing and machine-gunning from the air.

Those perils are as great today as they were last autumn.

Even if they were survived, and Hitler's army reached our shores—sea-sick and nerve-shattered—it would have to land on a coast long and carefully prepared for defence, bristling with obstacles, and manned by superior forces.

These forces are fully trained, resolute, and eager to fight. They are armed with tanks, machine-guns, field guns, and heavy artillery.

Against these, the invaders could put only such light armament as their frail craft could carry.

No, the invader would have practically no chance of even getting ashore. Such a "Battle for Britain" would begin and end with a bloody massacre on our beaches.

Even if the hundredth chance came off, and the Germans so-

cured a footing somewhere on our coast, it would be of small use to them.

What It Means

To get ashore the mass of armament, munitions, transport and other material required for the conquest of Britain, they would have to seize at least one well-equipped port, with its docks and quays and cranes intact.

War material cannot just be thrown into the water out of ships' holds—assuming you have the ships and can get them close to the shore—and they cannot be landed by boats on an open beach. Big port equipment is required.

But our ports are well defended, and even if one fell into enemy hands we should certainly leave it in no fit state for use.

Without such a port, the invaders must either starve or waste away, or be left helpless to face our powerful counter-offensive.

The attempt must end in ghastly failure.

It was as well for Hitler that he did not try it last summer. Or if as some stories go, he did try it, then he was fortunate that it was stifled at birth.

Just Suppose

Supposing he tries it now, or next month, or in the early summer of 1941? His air force may have more and better machines than it had last autumn—but so has the R.A.F. And the R.A.F. to-day and to-morrow, as yesterday, would go into battle with all the moral factors of superiority on its side.

The Luftwaffe's prospects of sweeping the skies to clear a way across the Channel for its army are highly unpromising, to put it mildly.

The German fleet? It, too, may be increased, but still not by so much or at such a speed as ours.

It has never yet been equal to keeping the sea against the Bri-

tish Navy. There is not the slightest reason to believe that it ever will be. Certainly it will not be able to clear the seaways across the Channel for its army.

No, if the German army comes here, it must still do so uncovered.

But let us suppose that portions of it do get here, as they just conceivably might. For if Hitler launched several forces from different points of his far-flung coastline of occupied territory, one or two of them might sneak to land.

Obstacles

In that case, however, they would be most hazardously placed. They would still be up against those obstacles I mentioned above: superior opposition, strong defences, problems of supply, lack of tanks and heavy guns.

Only with all these obstacles removed could they make the swift and irresistible progress inland that alone can bring them any sort of success.

There are other drawbacks. landing in Elre may occur to For example, the invaders would not have that close air support to see the advantage of this step that was the key to the German victory over France.

Also, the country in which they would have to operate is far from favourable.

In the north, where a landing from Norway might possibly be attempted, there is good ground for tank operations. But it is we, not the invaders, who will have the tanks.

East Anglia and the Home Counties are, for the most part, "closed" country—with small fields and many trees and hedges. Here every step of the invader's progress would be divided and hampered, by Home Guards as well as regular forces, and he will not have the heavy artillery or large supplies of ammunition necessary to force his way forward.

The South of England is no more favourable to him. It has alternations of open and closed

country, but in either he will be at a disadvantage against the stubborn defence that has been prepared for him, and which he must overcome quickly or be overwhelmed.

So I think that an invader's destruction cannot be long delayed, and is, in any case, inevitable sooner or later.

And as Hitler must know this as well as I do, I do not believe he will order the attack, except as a gambler's last plunge.

But, you may say, perhaps he will spring some new methods of attack on us. What about the possibility of invasion from the air?

It is possible that he might manage to land small forces at various points by parachute or other means, and hope to reinforce them later by larger parties in troop-carrying aeroplanes.

Swift Warning

But we should get swift warning of their arrival. They would be quickly ringed round by our forces, and our counter-attacks would be launched at once.

The enemy would be heavily outnumbered, and outclassed in weapons. He would still be unable to bring large supplies of arms and munitions with him.

He would still be fighting in country unfavourable to the rapid and far-reaching advance he requires.

He would, in fact, be up against the same difficulties as those which would have confronted him had he come by sea. And in the long run his fate would be the same, too.

The possibility of a German invasion of Britain. It is a step in the wrong direction. It still leaves the main job to be done. Its only purpose, therefore, would be as a diversion—if German forces from Elre could later attack Western Britain simultaneously with others from the east or south.

Wrong Way

Even then, our reserves would be more powerful and more mobile than anything the enemy could get ashore. We could therefore deal first with one, and then with the rest of these divided hostile forces, long before they could lead one another and he will not have the heavy artillery or large supplies of ammunition necessary to force his way forward.

If Elre is ever invaded by the Germans, it will probably be with the idea of blocking our sea routes across the Atlantic. As a preliminary to invasion of Britain, it would be a waste of time and strength in the wrong direction.

I believe, then, that, unless we relax our vigilance—and we shall not—the chances of a successful invasion of the country on orthodox lines are all but non-existent.

Surprises?

There may be surprise methods—and surprise replies on our side. Of these, obviously, nothing useful can be said.

Outside of them, only purely political reasons could persuade any sensible military leader in Germany to make the attempt.

If political reasons force Hitler to try invasion, all the better for us and all the worse for him.

History is full of dire lessons on what happens when politics are allowed to control military moves.

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THESE MEN are ready to carry out the Premier's words, "We shall fight on the beaches." They are taking up position during defensive training somewhere on the coast.

Chiang Says Seizure Of South Sea Lands Will Menace China

CHUNGKING, Mar. 2 (Central News).—"Japan's invasion of the South Seas will be the greatest menace to China's national existence and security," declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a speech at the first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council yesterday.

"Not only is the South Seas," Generalissimo Chiang emphasized, "a second fatherland for more than 10,000,000 overseas Chinese who dwell and earn their living there, but upon that area hinges China's very existence and security."

Generalissimo Chiang said that in view of her miserable failure in China Japan is trying to make use of the European war to fulfil her dream of conquest, and she has recently been making several moves for a southward expansion.

However, he called upon the nation to realise the fact that Japan's southward advance was only a means to the conquest of China. Japan's real end, and therefore these two phases of Japan's aggression were closely related. His prediction was that before Japan set out on her southward expansion, she would launch another large scale offensive in China.

New Resources

Condemning Japan's "new order in Greater East Asia" and the "sphere of common prosperity in Greater East Asia," the Generalissimo said that Japan's ambition was to seize the rich resources and wide territories of the South Seas in order to increase her brute force of aggression, tighten the blockade of China, weaken China's power of resistance and finally fulfil her dream of the conquest of China and the domination of the Pacific.

Generalissimo Chiang received loud applause when he solemnly declared that China should not only fight to the end to safeguard her independence and existence but also curb with force Japan's greedy crimes against the world and the Orient.

The Generalissimo stated that the present marks not only a turning point in the world situation but also the last stage in the Sino-Japanese bitter struggle.

Questions On Food

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Numerous questions were raised by delegates chiefly concerning recent information on Japan's southward expansion and China's counter-measures.

China's steps to counter the tripartite alliance, the facts behind the Soviet-Japanese negotiations, the aim of Mr Matsuo's Oceania demand, and information regarding Mr Laughlin Currie's visit to Chungking also occupied discussion.

It is learned that Mr Wang Chung-hua agreed to give written replies at a later session of the Council.

Mr Ong Wen-hua, Minister of Economic Affairs, also submitted a report on the economic situation. Questions raised by delegates included such questions as what was Government policy regarding the sale of foodstuffs; what was Government's future policy regarding food and trade; Government monopoly or free trade; had Government any effective measure to stabilise commodity prices since prices differ considerably in different districts; and had Government any plans for the proper distribution of commodities?

Political Parties

It is interesting to note that the Council's Presidium of five includes the leaders of all political groups—the Chiang Kai-shek Government and the Kuomintang; Chang Po-ling, Independent educationalist; Tso Jun-sun, Chinese Youth Party; Chang Chun-mai, Chinese National Socialist; and Miss Wu Yu-fan, Independent woman educationalist.

With 201 delegates attending the Council Meeting, is the largest attendance in the history of the Council.

Invasion Ports Night Foray Of R.A.F. On Calais & Boulogne

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. made a heavy attack on the invasion ports on the French coast to-night.

From the south coast of England, the raid was clearly visible, but a stiff wind in the Straits muffled the sound of the explosions.

Above Calais and Boulogne, great flashes lighted up the sky and scores of searchlights were in action along 20 miles of the French coast.

MODERN CHUNGKING RISING

Aw Boon-haw's Impressions

Mr Aw Boon-haw, Chinese industrialist from Singapore, visualises a new and modern Chungking rising from the ruins caused by Japanese aerial attacks.

Mr Aw came to Hongkong from Chungking Sunday afternoon on account of a slight indisposition after attending the inaugural meeting of the first plenary session of the 2nd People's Political Council.

He praised highly the confidence and energetic spirit of the people in China's war-time capital when interviewed yesterday by "Central News."

Wider Streets

Mr Aw declared that Japanese aerial bombings, though causing great sufferings to many people, are not without advantages because from the debris of the devastated areas, new and modern buildings are rapidly rising and widened streets are being constructed to replace the former labyrinth. Within the short space of five years, he predicted, a better and modern Chungking will come to being.

Mr Aw declared that there is no cause for anxiety during the coming bombing season as there are over 1,000 strongly built dug-outs capable of accommodating some 350,000 people. Three hundred more, now under construction, will be completed soon.

Evacuation

Evacuation of citizens whose presence in Chungking is non-essential is proceeding apace. He estimated that already 200,000 people have been shifted to places of comparative safety.

Turning to the patriotic activities of the Chinese in British Malaya, Mr Aw assured that they would continue their loyal and unreserved support to the National Government. He revealed that difficulties have been encountered in remitting contributions back to China as a result of the financial restrictions enforced by the British authorities there. A total of \$25,000,000 of these contributions, he said, has thus been held up.

Mr Aw had been in Chungking for 10 days during which time he called on Mr Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high Government officials.

Father and Son Part Ways

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—OSAKA, Mar. 3 (Domei).—Chang Kuo-li, 24 son of Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Industry of the Chungking Government, has been studying at Osaka Medical College and has decided to serve with the National Government of China at Nanking after finishing his study in Japan this spring.

He leaves Kobe on March 11 aboard the Taiyo Maru with his wife for Shanghai.

Chinese Entering Burma Need Visa Passports

CHUNGKING, Mar. 3 (Central News).—Chinese seeking entry into Burma from Yunnan either by land or plane will hereafter have to bring passports bearing the visa of the British Consulate. Hitherto no passports have been required.

The new restriction is provided in the revised passport regulations promulgated by the Burmese Government in December last year. Examination of passports will be conducted on the Yunnan-Burma border, beginning April 1.

German Agent Arrested

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP).—The Federal Grand Jury to-day indicted Friedrich Ernst Auhagen who was charged with failure to register with the State Department as an agent of the German Government.

He was taken into custody on the west coast as he was preparing to leave the United States. The Grand Jury said that Auhagen had distributed information and propaganda.

Police Method Questioned In Sessions Murder Trial

The allowing by Inspector Chu Heung, Senior Chinese detective, of fellow-employees of an accused person to take part in a search for incriminating evidence was closely questioned by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when hearing of the murder charge against Ho Sung-hoi, 22, salesman, was continued.

Ho is alleged to have murdered Woo Tong-chiu, 29, an accounts-clerk employed by the Chung Wah Book Company, at the Company's godown in No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar, Central District, on December 8. Another employee, Wong Sung-ka, was also found dead in the premises.

Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant, is for the prosecution, and Ho is defended by Mr H. Somerset Fitzroy, on the instructions of Mr J. M. Hall.

Jury members are Messrs T. H. Lunson (Foreman), D. Lyon, Black, E. F. Passos, V. S. Mamak, G. Gerrard and A. W. W. Salter.

Inspector Chu Heung told the Court that shortly after the discovery in the godown, he went to No. 69 Queen's Road Central where accused, who was also employed by the Chung Wah Book Company, had his sleeping quarters. A search of the premises was made, in which three folios of the firm also took part.

Judge's Questions

His Lordship: Why did you allow the folks to help in the search?

Witness: They were there for the purpose of pointing out to whom the various articles belonged to. That was all they did, except Soo Yeung-hoi who helped in sweeping the rubbish together.

Why did you allow him to do so?

Because there was too much rubbish. Then why, after the folks had identified the articles, were they allowed to remain? Because they were required to put the things back.

Is it the Police practice in Hongkong to employ, on a search for incriminating evidence, fellow-employees of an accused person?

Yes, sometimes when there was too much to be done. In this case I didn't ask them; they came voluntarily.

They came in and did what they liked?—Yes.

And in the dim light someone might have thrown something on the floor?—I had several persons there supervising.

Staggering

Cheong Cheuk-chen, a folk of the firm, testified that when accused returned about 4.15 a.m. on December 8 he was staggering as if he had been drinking.

Sergeant J. Cochran, said that when accused, after being cautioned, was asked if he would like to make a statement explaining the bloodstains on the back of his shirt, replied: "When I came home this morning there was blood on the paper of my bunk."

Witness found only one chopper in the godown and it was covered with blood.

P. C. Mak Pui said that when the heap of rubbish was searched in the morning, two bunches of keys were found.

The hearing is proceeding.

Nazi Cruiser Attacked

British Bombers In Action At Brest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Mar. 3 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced to-day that the British on Sunday night again bombed a cruiser of the Hipper class at Brest, straddling with bombs, the docks at which it was berthed.

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Saigon Incident

TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—Semi-official Japanese reports from Saigon say that the Japanese Consul-General, Mr Minoda, has lodged a strong protest with the French authorities over a hotel incident there on Sunday evening in which French soldiers are alleged to have beaten up four Japanese belonging to Dai Nippon Airways Company.

The trouble allegedly arose when the Japanese protested against the derogatory remarks of the French soldiers.

Firewood Sold Above Fixed Price

A firewood dealer, Lau Pui, of 157 Wuhu Street, was fined \$5 by Mr A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning for selling firewood at excess retail prices.

Defendant said the wood he was selling was bought before the prices of firewood were fixed by the Government.

Mr Macfadyen pointed out to Defendant that no matter when the firewood was bought, it was to be sold at the fixed prices.

Tumultuous Reception of Eden & Dill In Athens

ATHENS, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Mr Eden's talks with the Greek authorities, which began on Sunday night, ended after midnight. They will probably be resumed this afternoon.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of Imperial General Staff, was present at the conversations.

The visit of Mr Eden and General Dill is expected to last several days. They had a tremendous reception from the waiting crowds after attending an official luncheon. The band greeted them with the world-famed strains of "Tipperary."

Mr Eden this morning received the American and Turkish Ministers at the British Legation.

Later Mr Eden and General Dill were guests of the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Alexander Korizis, at luncheon.

To-day, being the first Monday in Lent, is a public holiday which is

German Intention

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Afton Bladet" says that Germany hopes to score a "moral" and political triumph by mediating peace between Greece and Italy.

"The terms suggested," says the correspondent, "include Greek retention of part of her Albanian conquests against cession to Germany of certain bases in Greek territory, returnable at the conclusion of the war."



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President's Cold

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (UP).—President Roosevelt is still suffering from a head cold and for the fourth successive day has cancelled all engagements.

U. S. Exports To Britain

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—A "blanket" authority has been issued for export to Britain and Northern Ireland of 138 key war products, including aluminium and aircraft parts.

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British Advancing in Italian Somaliland: Rome Admissions

Special to the "Telegraph"

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (UP).—It is officially announced that British troops have occupied Duce, Degli and Abuzzi without opposition. The villages comprise an important agricultural centre 80 miles along the railway running north from Mogadiscio.

Italian Admission
ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—Today's communiqué states that British troops overpowered and took the small garrison at Kufra which had been besieged during the past months and which is situated in Libya over 500 miles from the coast. Part of the troops succeeded in reaching the Italian lines, while British armoured cars, attempting to approach Jarabub, were put to flight.

Model Village
LONDON, Mar. 3 (British Wireless).—Abruzzi, one of three villages captured by British forces in Italian Somaliland, is an inland town of some 9,000 inhabitants, including 200 Italians. It owes much to the pioneer work of the Duke of Abruzzi, who is buried there. It is a model village and a large area in the vicinity, about 4,200 hectares, is under intensive cultivation, cotton, sugar, grain, bananas, fruit and vegetables being grown.

Keren Proves Tough
CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Hide-and-seek artillery duels, in which Italian gunners have shifted gun positions during darkness and concealed them in the scrub and rocky crevices, etc., and the sudden appearance of imperial forces in places which the Italians had deemed inaccessible, have been features of the British siege of Keren, a railway town, which is proving one of the toughest nuts to crack in General Wavell's campaign against Italy's East African Empire. Keren, 75 miles from Asmara, the Eritrean capital, is situated near peaks commanded by Italian artillery and anti-aircraft guns, with British artillery situated on other peaks some miles off.

Despite the fact that the batteries are invisible to each other, the accuracy of the British "shooting" is remarkable.

Savoy Grenadiers
Italy's best forces, including the Savoy Grenadiers, reinforced by extensive artillery, have been engaged in an area which might have been planned by nature as a perfect fortress.

Recently, a party of Highlanders and Sudanese troops were ambushed by the Italians but fought back and drove the Italians up the summit of a neighbouring ridge. There they found that although able to hold the Italians, they themselves were unable to emerge from their positions behind the rocks owing to the withering blasts of fire from Italian machine-gun nests.

British artillery was signalled to and guns were brought up. Later, the British troops, crouching behind the rocks in the blazing desert sun, heard British shells screaming overhead to pound the Italian positions a couple of hundred yards further on.

Wonderful Shooting
"It was wonderful shooting," one Highlander said. "Our boys plunked the very first shells plumb on the Italians who soon picked up. Some surrendered. The others retreated."

The Sudan defence force throughout the campaign has done brilliant though little publicised work, their fast armoured cars whizzing among and around advanced Italian positions like fast motor-boats, scattering the enemy in all directions. The whole Eritrean campaign has been an outstanding example of Empire co-operation.

Ruman Envoy To Japan

Change Is Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUCHAREST, Mar. 2 (Domol).—The Rumanian Government announced to-day the appointment of Major-General G. Bagulesco, former Military Attaché to the Rumanian Legation in Tokyo, as the new Rumanian Minister to Japan, succeeding M. Georges Paraschivesco. Major-General Bagulesco is now the chairman of the Rumania-Japan Society and the President of the Ex-Servicemen's Association.

Pro-British Agents

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Some 240 people in Rumania who are suspected of working for British interests, have been arrested and placed in a concentration camp near Targu-Jiu, states a Bucharest telegram to the official German agency.

Sixty of the arrests were made in Bucharest, and Greeks, Turks, Armenians and Rumanians are stated to be among those arrested.

Plebiscite

BUCHAREST, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The final result of the plebiscite on General Antonescu's policy will not be known till Thursday, but the voting so far shows almost complete unanimity for the policy, says the Rumanian news agency. Up to this morning, 110,345 voted approval against 1,555 against. The voting has been without incident.

Rome Comment on War On African Empire

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—"The fighting in East Africa is of an extremely intense nature and it may be necessary for us to make ulterior sacrifices," said a war commentator on the Rome radio to-day.

The commentator added that the British are using a third of a million men in East Africa and they are armed with the most modern weapons, tanks and armoured cars. In these conditions, the fight presents undoubted advantages to the British.

Beyond Mogadiscio

CAIRO, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—In a sweep into Italian Somaliland, British troops have reached 80 miles beyond Mogadiscio and have occupied the villages of Duce, Degli and Abuzzi.

No change in the position in Eritrea, Libya or Abyssinia is reported in to-day's official communiqué.

R.A.F. Activities
In Eritrea, the R.A.F. attacked positions around Keren while a South African Air Force squadron continued to harass the enemy with machine-gun attacks.

At Buray in Abyssinia, large fires and heavy explosions occurred as the result of bombing of military objectives.

Kenya Safer

NAIROBI, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Black-out restrictions are being removed in Nairobi and the whole of the highlands area from to-morrow. Modified restrictions will be in force on the coast.

DUTCH AIR RAID CASUALTIES
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
THE HAGUE, Mar. 3 (UP).—The semi-official A.N.P. news agency announced that during last week-end, 11 persons were killed and 20 injured when British planes dropped high explosives and incendiary bombs on a large number of places in Holland. High explosive bombs in a thickly populated district of The Hague killed nine persons comprising six men, one woman and two children and seriously wounding 16 others. The air raid alarm was sounded in The Hague twice during the week-end.

STOCK EXCHANGE Awaits Developments From Balkans

LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day maintained a fairly steady undertone, but operations were cautious awaiting Balkan developments.

Business was mainly centred on gilt-edged securities and Indian bonds, which were firmly held. Industrials were quiet. Steel shares were firmer, tobaccos and breweries were easier and Kaffirs were occasionally easier. Oils rallied after an early decline. Foreign bonds tended to be slightly lower but Egyptians rose slightly.

Italian Air Force Run Out Of Sky In Africa

(By "Reuters" on the Sudan-Eritrean Frontier)
Mar. 3.—British bombers, South African fighters and a special Rhodesian squadron are leading in the R.A.F.'s contribution to the British successes in Eritrea.

For weeks past, our airmen have been running the Italian air force right out of the sky so that to-day British infantry in the most forward positions seldom see an Italian plane.

Over Keren, British bombers have been in continuous operation despite heavy anti-aircraft fire. They have not only blown up military objectives but have also dropped pamphlets and taken valuable low-flying photographs.

Dominion airmen especially settle down quickly to the local conditions. I found South African pilots of one fighter squadron, which already has nearly 60 Italian planes to its credit, living in a series of tunnels—Sudanese mud huts—around the aerodrome. They declare that their strange dwellings are both cool and comfortable.

The Rhodesian squadron is stationed in a forward position in Eritrea. Its members are also comfortably established. They even have their own refrigerator far from civilization. The constant appearance of British bombers and fighters zooming in increasing numbers over the heads of advancing British troops has been very heartening to these men, plod-

Alfonso Laid To Rest

Funeral Yesterday

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Mar. 3 (UP).—The late ex-King Alfonso was buried in the Church of Monserrato at 1 p.m. to-day between the Borgin Popes Calixtus III and Alexander VI.

The final mass for Alfonso was celebrated at 11 a.m. attended by the King and Queen of Italy and the Prince of Piedmont, all dressed in mourning.

Twenty-three of King Victor Emanuel's Royal Guards in full dress uniform stood at attention around the casket.

Princes' Grief
The services at Monserrato were attended by a small intimate group of members of the family, Alfonso's friends, members of the Latin American diplomatic corps and a special Spanish delegation, as well as representatives of Italian Royalty and the Government.

Don Juan and Don Jaime with tear-stained eyes were present, but both Queen Victoria and Princess Beatrice were overcome at the previous ceremony and did not attend the burial services at Monserrato where, it is understood, interment is only temporary pending completion of arrangements for final burial at the Escorial.

Jews Want To Fight

Australian Request

SYDNEY, Mar. 3 (Reuters).—Non-British Jews are asking for the right to form a Jewish Army, according to a deputation to Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Premier of Australia, from the Executive Zionist State Council of New South Wales.

This army would act as a unit within the Empire for the defence of Palestine or service elsewhere. The deputation mentioned that refugees in Australia had repeatedly offered their services.

Mr Fadden is forwarding the request to Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, who is now in London.

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Major Balkans War Said Likely

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the Turks and the Bulgarians crowded the streets silently, but obviously there is no enthusiasm in the celebration.

Many swastika flags are flying from buildings but more significant is the absence of Bulgarian flags. The Greek Legation said they had had not yet received instructions to break off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria, and intimated that they are awaiting British action. It is understood that the Dutch and Belgian Legations are doing likewise.

War Fever Grips Bulgaria
NEW YORK, March 3 (Dome).—War fever is mounting throughout Bulgaria following the entry of German troops, latest Balkan reports indicate.

While Nazi troops continue to pour into the country, Bulgaria is also calling up her own troops. Defence measures are being rushed throughout the country including the mounting of anti-aircraft guns at key points and the construction of air raid shelters.

Queen Ioanna accompanied by Crown Prince Simeon has left the capital to seek refuge in a remote district.

Sofia dispatches said that the vanguard of the German troops marching south through Bulgaria have already reached four key points on the Bulgarian-Greek frontier including Zlatograd, Melnik, Trigrado and Svilengrad exerting their pressure against Greece.

Nazi reinforcements are also reported to be continuously driving south. Some reports said that Nazi troops boarding troop trains from Plovdiv, second largest city in Bulgaria, have begun moving towards the Turkish border.

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Germany long ago and that only the date of enslavement remained open.

Other papers declare that an explanation is necessary as to why the Bulgarians took this latest action so soon after signing the Turco-Bulgarian Non-Aggression Agreement.

"Ulus" says: "The Turco-Bulgarian Agreement re-affirmed Bulgaria's intention not to resort to war to settle problems with her neighbours but all depends on the acts which the obligations contained in the Tripartite and Bulgarian-Axis Alliance are applied."

"The Anglo-Turkish Alliance has helped to keep the peace in the Balkans and the Near East. Let us hope that Bulgaria will use her influence to sway the Tripartite Pact in favour of peace and that she will succeed."

Resignation Accepted
LONDON, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—Formal acceptance of the resignation of the Bulgarian Minister in London, M. Montchiloff, was received in London from Sofia to-day. M. Montchiloff telegraphed his resignation to the Bulgarian Government yesterday. It is learned that he disapproves of the government's policy in joining the Axis.

Ferdinand Speaks
STOCKHOLM, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The 80-year-old ex-King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is living in exile at Coburg, declares that the German-Bulgarian Agreement is justification of his 1914 policy, says the Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Bladet."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday, says: The market was both dull and uninteresting.

Buyers
Providents \$5.75
Lights \$0.15
Sellers
Trams \$18.75
Sales
H.K. Banks \$1,340
Wharves \$95
Electrics "O" \$41.50
Telephones "O" \$24
Dairy Farms \$18.25

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Bangkok requesting further instructions.

Final Agreement
TOKYO, Mar. 4 (Reuter).—The final agreement is expected to be drafted this afternoon by the peace conference following the receipt of new instructions by the French and Thai delegations.

Meanwhile the Japanese are urging the French to reconsider their reply which, while accepting Japan's

mediation proposal in principle, is reported to contain several reservations, notably regarding Cambodia.

Official Denial
BELGRADE, Mar. 3 (Reuter).—The Yugo-Slav press and authorities to-night officially denied the report that Prince Paul met Herr von Ribbentrop this morning.

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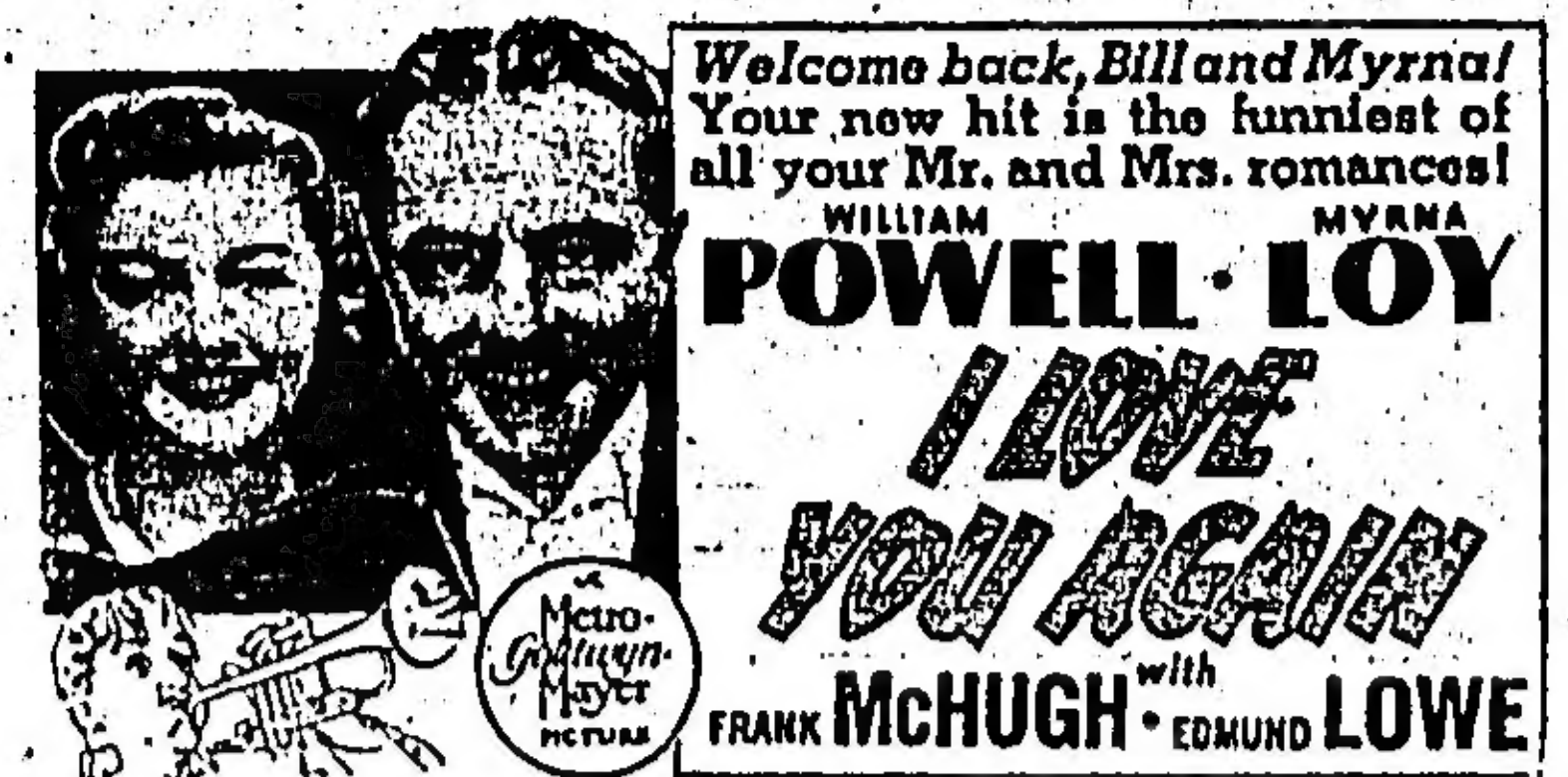
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